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23 Americans die in crash of Polish jet

NEW YORK, March 14 (R) — At least 23 Americans, including 13 members of an amateur American boxing team, were among the 87 persons who died Friday when a LOT Polish airlines plane crashed at Warsaw airport, a LOT spokesman said here.

It said the team was on its way to Warsaw for international matches.

Among the team members reportedly aboard was Tom "Sarge" Johnson of Indianapolis, former trainer of the 1976 American Olympic team, which won five gold medals.

Spokesman Chris Resich at LOT offices in New York said a completely verified passenger manifest was not immediately available but that "the very initial report showed there were one or two other Americans aboard," in addition to the team. "The rest of the 77 passengers were Polish," he said.

Two of the fighters believed to be aboard were identified as Emanuel Stepples, considered the United States' top 139-pound fighter, and Andre McCoy, one of the two or three best 178-pounders in the United States.

A third fighter was identified as Paul Palomino, brother of Carlos Palomino, the former world boxing council welterweight champion.

18 die in crash of U.S. transport

ANKARA, March 14 (R) — A United States military transport plane crashed in southern Turkey Friday killing all 18 persons on board, a United States embassy spokesman said here.

The spokesman said the dead were six crewmembers and 12 passengers, believed to be U.S. servicemen or dependents.

The plane, a Hercules C-130 transport, was on a flight from Diyarbakir in eastern Turkey, where there is an American military base, and the large U.S. airbase at Incirlik, near the Mediterranean.

It crashed Friday afternoon near the town of Tarsus, 20 miles from Incirlik, the spokesman said.

The plane had set off from Incirlik earlier and had also stopped in the Eastern town of Erzurum before Diyarbakir, the spokesman said.

Al Riyadh chief quits

JEDDAH, March 14 — The Editor-in-Chief of *Al Riyadh* Turki Abdullah Al-Sudairi, has resigned for health reasons and will go abroad for medical treatment in a couple of days, *Al Riyadh* said Thursday.

Until the General Assembly of Al-Yamamah Press Establishment appoints a new editor, one of the two managing editors, Muhammad Al-Jahlan or Muhammad Aba Hussein, will be acting chief, the paper added.

The 24-page newspaper explained its eight-page Thursday edition in printing and technical problems.

It said that the circumstances were out of their control, but hoped to soon overcome the difficulty.

Israel protests PLO recognition

TEL AVIV, March 14 (AP) — An Austrian diplomat was summoned to Israel's Foreign Ministry Friday to hear a "strong protest" over the Austrian decision to grant diplomatic status to the Palestine Liberation Organization, a spokesman said.

The Austrian charge d'affaires, Peter Wilfling, was the fifth European diplomat called to the foreign ministry in the past month as Israel protested statements on Palestinian self-determination by Ireland, Britain, France and West Germany.

Spokesman Michael Shiloah said he believed the Austrian had received the most sharply worded protest because Israel believed that Chancellor Bruno Kreisky's granting diplomatic status to a PLO representative was more serious than statements about Palestinian rights.

Moshe Sasson, special ambassador for European affairs, told Wilfling that Austria had "sided with an organization whose hands are stained with blood and which declares openly its wish to destroy the state of Israel," Shiloah told reporters.

"To Israel's regret, Austria has a policy that may have severe results for Israel's security and existence," Sasson alleged.

The Israeli official also recalled Austrian complicity in the murder of Jews during World War II, and implied that Vienna was forsaking its "severe moral and political responsibility" toward the Jewish state, Shiloah said.

Israel's ambassador in Vienna would make a similar protest, Shiloah said, but there was no plan to recall him.

On Thursday Kreisky announced that Ghazi Hussain, the PLO representative to United Nations organizations in Vienna, would be granted "a new form of diplomatic recognition" as the envoy of "a people without land and without territory of its own."

Ludwig Steiner, a career diplomat and foreign policy spokesman for the opposition Austrian People's Party, qualified the way the government had recognized the PLO as "very strange."

He said the other parties in Parliament could have been informed next week at a scheduled meeting of the Foreign Policy Council, including members of the government and the opposition, before recognition was announced.

Steiner referred to a "clear breach of international law traditions" providing only for states to be recognized, not governments or organizations.

Observance of that principle, he said, also complied with a convincing policy of neutrality.

Austria's decision to grant official status to a Palestinian diplomat provided further impetus for a West European policy shift in favor of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

A senior Palestinian leader predicted that all European countries would formally recognize the PLO before the end of this year, and diplomats in Brussels said privately that such a move was only matter of time.

Muhammad Zuhdi Nashashibi, a member of the PLO executive committee, told Reuters in Damascus that the Austrian decision was evidence that Europe had begun to understand the rights of the Palestinian people and the PLO's role in restoring these rights.

Nashashibi said he believed that 1980 would see all European countries formally recognizing the PLO.

In Brussels, diplomats said the nine-member European Economic Community was considering such a step as part of a general trend toward a more Arab-oriented position on the Middle East.

(They said formal recognition was only a matter of time, but said the EEC may wait until after May 26, the deadline set by the U.S.-sponsored Camp David agreement for Israeli-Egyptian accord on Palestinian rights).

West Germany, Britain, Ireland and Belgium followed France this month in saying that any solution to the Middle East conflict must include the Palestinian right to self-determination.

Yadin calls for second Camp David

LONDON, March 14 (R) — Israeli Deputy Premier Yigal Yadin Friday said that he believed a second Camp David-style summit conference would be necessary to clinch Palestinian autonomy talks between Israel and Egypt.

And he predicted broad agreement would be reached — although he said there would probably be crises along the way — because a deal was genuinely sought by Israel, Egypt and the United States.

Yadin, ending a brief visit to London, also said he believed that if Israel and Egypt did solve their differences Jordan would probably join them in an effort to reach a wider accord on the problems of the occupied West Bank.

"According to my thinking," he told reporters, "these present talks are having some progress, but don't think they will terminate before another summit, Camp David-style, because basic differences will remain at this level of negotiations."

"Everybody understands — Israel, Egypt or whatever — that if they have to give in on quite essential things they would like to do it at the last moment or at the highest possible forum," said Yadin.

The Camp David peace agreement of September, 1978, set May 26 as a deadline for a Palestinian autonomy accord between Israel and Egypt. But Yadin indicated Friday he thought a summit might be held in June or July.

"I'm optimistic that a solution will be found," he said.

"The basic reason is that each of the parties — the U.S., Israel and Egypt — absolutely wants to find a solution to these talks."

"A summit might lead to a solution, if not to the whole Palestinian question, then of a settlement agreement with Egypt."

PLO blasts U.S. timid leadership

BEIRUT, March 14 (AP) — A Palestinian official says the United States needs a bolder president than Jimmy Carter to defy America's Jewish lobby and formulate an even-handed policy on the Middle East conflict.

Farouk Kaddoumi, chief of the political department of the Palestine Liberation Organization also said in a newspaper interview published here Friday that disagreement on a draft joint communique was delaying an official visit by Arafat to France.

"Carter seldom makes up his mind. He is in the habit of making decisions and quickly retracting them," said Kaddoumi.

He cited as the latest example Carter's disavowal of the recent U.S. vote at the U.N. Security Council against Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River.

"Such decisions need a bolder president who can come to grips with the crux of the problem without fear," Kaddoumi told the independent Lebanese newspaper *Al-Nahar*.

"America's current policy is weak."

He said Carter's disavowal of the settlement vote was prompted by "pressures from the Jewish lobby. There is no question of factions within the American administration."

Kaddoumi said bilateral French-PLO talks were needed to sort out their differences over the phrasing of a joint communique on the outcome of Arafat's projected visit to Paris.

There is a possibility that Kaddoumi would shortly go to Paris for such talks and clear the way for Arafat's visit, Kaddoumi added.

Kaddoumi said French representatives and the PLO held talks on the projected Arafat visit in Paris and Beirut few months ago.

"We decided the visit should better be postponed, because there was no agreement on certain issues that was to be mentioned in the draft joint communique," Kaddoumi said.

He said the new gesture that President Valery Giscard d'Estaing made by recognizing the Palestinian right to self-determination created a favorable climate for fresh talks on the Arafat visit.

"President d'Estaing's tour of Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Qatar, Jordan and Saudi Arabia showed that France has taken long strides forward in supporting the Palestinian cause, and in seeking to resolve the Middle East crisis," said Kaddoumi. "West Germany and Britain have backed the

French move."

Kaddoumi voiced guarded support for Britain's effort to amend U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 so that it would refer to the Palestinians as a people instead of refugees.

"Firstly, we are for anything that might push the Palestinian question forward. But that does not mean that we fully approve the contents of the proposed amendment of Resolution 242. We demand a new resolution altogether that would stipulate for the national rights of the Palestinian people," Kaddoumi said.

Resolution 242, taken after the 1967 Middle East war, calls for Israel's right to exist within secure and internationally recognized borders, and for settlement of the refugees question. It does not mention the Palestine.

The PLO steadfastly rejected the resolution which has become the framework of all peace-making efforts in the Middle East.

Arafat to review Giscard's visit in Saudi talks

By Younis Issac

JEDDAH, March 14 — Chairman of Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat is to pay a short visit to Saudi Arabia soon to review the results of the French initiative with Saudi officials, a Palestinian official here said.

Arafat will take this "opportunity to express Palestinian gratitude to the Saudi government and King Khalid," who received the French president a day after the left th hospital in Riyadh, the official said.

Rafiq Natsh, PLO representative to the Kingdom said the date for Arafat's visit to France will be fixed soon after receiving confirmation from official French sources regarding a French meeting with sympathetic W. German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

He told *Arab News* that President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's recent tour and his stance has received appreciation from the Arab masses in general and the Palestinians in particular. In addition he said the recent U.S. turnaround did not surprise the Arabs, specifically the people of Palestine. He added that "the Palestine issue has got used to such a U.S. stance which is against the aspirations of the Palestinian people."

Congress informed U.S. to sell tanks to Egypt

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP) — The U.S. Defense Department formally notified Congress Thursday it plans to sell Egypt 244 U.S. M-60 tanks to replace old Soviet armament that is fast becoming unserviceable.

Egypt will pay \$454.1 million for the 244 tanks as part of a \$1.15-billion easy-credit arms package recently announced by the U.S. administration. The Egyptians also will receive 40 F-16 jet fighter planes under the deal, designed to help cement a closer U.S. relationship with Egypt.

In an apparent effort to reassure Israel, the Pentagon said the sale of the tanks "will not have a significant impact on the regional military balance" because they will replace obsolete equipment provided years ago by the Soviet Union before President Anwar Sadat broke with the Kremlin following the 1973 Arab-Israeli war.

The first M-60 tank for Egypt is due for delivery in December, officials said.

The sales earmarked for Egypt will include such sophisticated equipment as laser rangefinders, thermal sights that permit the tanks to fire accurately at night, and other up-to-

date equipment. The M-60's main weapon is a 105-millimeter gun. It also carries two machine guns.

The M-60 is manufactured by the Chrysler Corp. at its Warren Michigan plant. The new package is in addition to \$1.5 billion in arms credits extended to Egypt by the United States as an inducement to complete an agreement with Israel, a longtime recipient on major U.S. arms. The Egyptians also wanted F-15s, the most sophisticated of the U.S. Air Force's new fighters, but officials said they were persuaded to settle for the less costly F-16 for the time being.

Egypt has demonstrated willingness to line up with the United States in dealing with Middle East problems, and Sadat has offered the use of Egyptian bases if the United States decided it needed them to help defend the Gulf against any attempted Soviet takeover of the oil-producing area.

Recently, two U.S. airborne warning and control aircraft, the newest of their type, have operated out of Egyptian bases in air defenses exercises with Egyptian air force planes.

Israel resists U.S. financial pressure

TEL AVIV, March 14 (R) — Israel is resisting U.S. pressure for tougher financial discipline to curb the increase in its balance of payments deficit, finance ministry sources said Friday.

The main American demand is for Israel to dip more deeply into dwindling foreign currency reserves instead of piling up debts to cover the gap, the sources said.

The proposal was made during a recent visit to Washington by the finance ministry's director general, Ya'acov Ne'eman.

The U.S. Treasury, which provides Israel's main financial prop, is taking an increasingly bleak view of this country's economic prospects, the sources said.

The balance of payment deficit is expected to rise by about \$800 million, reaching \$5 billion this year. The U.S. is reported to be pressing Israel to cover this at least in part by using a substantial part of the \$2.56 billion it holds in foreign currency reserves.

The sources said Israel would reject the American proposal.

Sudan, Ethiopia agree to end rifts

ADDIS ABABA, March 14 (R) — Sudan and Ethiopia have agreed to work together to eliminate all problems existing between the two countries, according to a communique signed by the two countries.

It was signed by Sudan's first Vice-President, Defense Minister and Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Abdul Majid Hamid Khalil, and the secretary general of Ethiopia's Provisional Military Administrative Council (PMAC) Captain Fikre-Selassie Wogderess Thursday before a Sudanese delegation headed by Gen. Khalil left for home after holding top-level talks here.

The Sudanese delegation's visit could mark the end of a period of strained relations between the two countries.

Ethiopia has in the past accused the Sudan of supporting secessionist guerrillas in Ethiopia's Red Sea province of Eritrea.

Informed sources said Sudanese and Ethiopian security ministers who recently met here had held detailed discussions on security issues. At this week's meetings, the two sides had agreed to implement the new understanding reached at the earlier talks, the sources said.

The communique says both countries agree to respect each other's sovereignty, territorial integrity and unity, and will not interfere in each other's internal affairs.

They have agreed to implement all bilateral treaties and agreements, and to revive joint bodies such as a ministerial consultative committee and a border commission.

Officials of the two governments will meet regularly to discuss peace and security on their common border, the communique adds.

The joint ministerial consultative committee is to meet in Khartoum on April 17.

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To plot cooperation strategy

Saudi-Moroccan commission opens

MARRAKESH, March 14 (SPA) — Meetings of the Saudi-Moroccan Joint Commission opened here Thursday evening under the chairmanship of Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta.

Boucetta said that the meeting will plot a strategy for cooperation between the two countries in various fields. He thanked Saudi Arabia for its assistance to many Moroccan projects and hoped that such cooperation would continue.

He pointed in particular to Al-Masira dam project which King Hassan opened earlier in the day and to which the Saudi Development Fund contributed.

In his speech, Prince Saud said that relations were deep-rooted between the two kingdoms and rested on the solid foundations shared religion and values. Both Saudi Arabia and Morocco are moderate and



Prince Saud Al-Faisal

rational in their policies, the prince stressed. He added that Islam was against conflicts and wedges. It advocated concord, conciliation and unity for mankind as a whole.

The Saudi side was attended by Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs Al-Fez, Saudi Ambassador to Morocco Sheikh Fakhri Sheikh El Ard, the director of the prince's cabinet Sheikh Hassan Al-Shawaf, Adviser to the Foreign Minister Dr. Nizar Ein Medani, and Saad Nazer, director of the office of the deputy minister.

The Moroccan side included Minister of State for Cooperation Abdul Haq Kateb, Director of Arab Affairs at the Foreign Ministry Abdul Hamid Al-Kettani, and other senior officials.

BRIEFS

DAMMAM, March 14 (SPA) — Eastern Province Director General for girls education said SR55 million has been earmarked for the construction of seven schools for girls in five villages and towns. Ten other schools costing SR30 million have also been finished, he said. In addition, three primary and two other schools are under construction, he added.

DAMMAM, March 14 (SPA) — The Environment Health Department of the Eastern Province will award a contract worth SR8.1 million for sewage networks and house connections for Ank, Jash and Malaha, to a Saudi Arabian company.

RIYADH, March 14 (SPA) — Riyadh University Theater opened its doors for the fifth annual festival of art contest Thursday evening. Several Central Province societies participated in the theatrical contest.

WEATHER

Hot during the day in most parts of the Kingdom with winds blowing mostly south-westerly to southeasterly at moderate speed, raising dust especially in the center and the north. Low and medium clouds will cover parts of the southwestern areas causing rain-torments.

Friday's temperature (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

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Medina	32	14
Taif	28	12
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Hail	26	27
Wajh	25	02
Turaif	19	05
Qaisumah	28	12
Sulayyil	35	21
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SEMINARS: E.A. Juffali & Bros. and York International organized seminars last week in Al Khobar, Riyadh and Jeddah designed for senior engineers from architectural firms, consultants, contractors and government departments. The latest engineering developments in the York range of packaged and engineered machinery air-conditioning products were presented at the seminars as well as programs on solar powered and energy efficient air-conditioning systems. Picture shows part of the seminar in Al Khobar.

OIC communications talks focus on inter-Islamic system

By Rana Saddiqi

JEDDAH, March 14 — Experts of telecommunications and postal services were due to hold a meeting at the Organization of Islamic Conference here Saturday.

The three-day meeting is expected to recommend setting up a sophisticated communications network between member countries of the OIC.

Delegations from 20 OIC countries, headed by senior officials from the ministries and departments of telecommunications have already arrived here.

Current telecommunications links among Muslim countries are being made through third nations.

Informed OIC sources have noted many possibilities for greater cooperation between OIC states in the field of communications and postal services.

Arab-foreign chamber groups meet in Tunis

TUNIS, March 14 (SPA) — A joint Arab foreign chamber of commerce met here Thursday chaired by Abdulla Hassan Zalzal, Arab League assistant secretary general for economic affairs. The meeting included representatives of Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Britain and the secretary general of the Arab Chamber of Commerce.

In an opening statement Zalzal called for European-Arab economic cooperation and transfer of European technology to the Arab world. He also expressed hope for the success of European-Arab dialogue in the economic sector.

Wahab seminar ends in Riyadh

RIYADH, March 14 (SPA) — A seminar on Sheikh Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahab was concluded Thursday at King Faisal Conference Hall here. It began last Saturday and was organized by Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University.

The recommendations and results of the seminar announced by Dr. Issac Farhat, the manager of the seminar included providing financial and moral assistance to Muslim fighters around the world, in particular the peoples of Palestine and Afghanistan.

The seminar called for application of Islamic Sharia in compliance with Sheikh Muhammad Abdul Wahab's experiences in this connection.

It highlighted the necessity establishing colleges for Islam to prepare preachers according to the methods of distinguished ancestors.

It recommended benefiting from the lives of Muslim Imams as good models for Dawat, call to Islam, and from various media sources.

The seminar recommended that a special library be constructed to feature of Sheikh Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahab, his students and followers and publish his works and translating them to the languages of the Islamic people and other major languages.

For Bahraini minister Abdul Wasie hosts luncheon

JEDDAH, March 14 (SPA) — Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie hosted a luncheon in honor of the Bahraini minister of justice and Islamic affairs, Khaled Al-Khalifah, Thursday.

Al-Khalifah arrived here last week to attend the conference of Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs which was concluded Tuesday. He then began a few

days' visit to the Kingdom. The luncheon party was attended by the Bahraini ambassador here, Sheikh Ahmad ibn Ali Al-Khalifa, Arab ambassadors and other officials.

Meanwhile, delegates of North Yemen and Pakistan left Thursday for their countries after taking part in the conference of ministers.

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By Jerusalem Committee

Giscard's Palestine stand commended

MARRAKESH, March 14 (SPA) — The Jerusalem Committee of the Organization of the Islamic Conference Thursday expressed its appreciation to French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's statements during his recent tour of Arab countries.

The French government Wednesday formally endorsed Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) participation in peace talks and the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.

The government also said that all states in the area had the right to live within secure and recognized boundaries. France also expressed its conviction that the Palestinian problem was not a problem of refugees but one of a people.

Winding up a four-day session here under the chairmanship of King Hassan II, the Jerusalem Committee recommended formation of a ministerial committee to convince France and other European countries to recognize the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

It also recommended a motion of thanks to member states of the United Nations Security Council for having passed the resolution call-

ing on Israel to dismantle its settlements in the occupied Arab territories. The committee expressed its strong dismay of U.S. statements that followed the adoption of the decision.

It urged leaders of Islamic countries to adopt firm stands toward the issue of Jerusalem and to sever diplomatic and economic ties with countries that moved their embassies from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The committee also urged Arab countries to show their full solidarity with the Palestinian Revolution, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon in facing the threats and provocations of Israel.

It hailed African countries of the OIC for their efforts within the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to prevent African countries from resuming relations with Israel before a just and lasting settlement has been achieved for the Palestinian problem.

The committee expressed its thanks and appreciation to all the countries supporting Arabs and Muslims in Palestine.

It recommended the holding of a special session of the U.N. General Assembly on Jerusalem and the Palestinian situation as

early as possible.

A special seminar on Jerusalem in Paris this year and possibly similar seminars in other capitals, were also recommended.

Creation of national committees in OIC member states to mobilize Islamic international public opinion and deepen the Muslims' understanding of the issues of Palestine and Jerusalem and increased contacts with the Vatican the rest of the Christian world were advised.

In his final speech to the conference, King Hassan voiced his satisfaction with the session. He said it that solving the Jerusalem problem was not an easy matter since it has had worldwide political and strategic complications.

Within the past few months some encouraging results have already been achieved, but a lot still remained to be done to solve the problem, he said.

The meeting of the 14-member committee which was opened by King Hassan Tuesday discussed the implementation of its previous resolutions and the drafting of plans and programs that would help in the liberation of Jerusalem.

Australia's biggest trade show planned

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH, March 14 — As one of the world's fastest growing markets, Saudi Arabia attracts its fair share of international trade shows. The competition to break into what is rapidly becoming a highly sophisticated and demanding market is tough. Just how tough is reflected in the time, effort and expense which countries are prepared to invest in mounting a display of sufficient standard to make an impression.

Australia is a current example. From March 23 to 27 at the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce, Australia will stage its biggest trade show in the world for 1980. The exhibition has been 18 months in the planning and has involved the ideas and efforts of hundreds of people. Two hundred and twenty tons of equipment have been shipped in to build the displays and a further 2000 kilograms of freight will be flown in before the opening date.

Overseeing the project is Cyril Spendlove, deputy director of exhibitions for the Trade Publicity Branch of Australia's Department of Trade and Resources. Spendlove said that Australia mounts some 120 trade exhibitions throughout the world each year, but the Jeddah show was the highlight of this year's activities.

"We've held exhibitions in Jeddah twice before," he said. "The 1977 show was bigger than the first in 1971 and now it's reached the stage where it's our most important one for the year. I think this adequately reflects Australia's attitude to the Saudi Arabian market."

All systems have been "go" on planning the display for over a year. Prospective exhibitors were selected by computer and notified. When the final acceptance and selections were made exhibitors were given a briefing on the display. Over 60 Australian companies will show their wares at the exhibition, all exhibits being carefully selected to be of value or interest to the Saudi Arabian market.



AUSTRALIA ON DISPLAY: Workers prepare the pavilion for an Australian trade show to be held at the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry March 23 to 27.

Products will range from an Australian developed short take-off and landing aircraft, the Nomad, which could be suitable for use in the remote areas of the Kingdom, to Australian developed anti-venene for the deadly stone fish which is found in Australian waters as well as the Red Sea.

The team helping Spendlove put the show together includes a design consultant from the Melbourne based firm, Brunton and Brunton; an executive from the freight forwarding agency, Brambles; a team of workers from the Singapore based City Neon Display Construction, plus a number of local workers. Both Brunton and Brunton and City Neon have been putting up trade shows around the world for the Australian government for twenty years.

Spendlove has also been in the business for twenty years and has supervised the construction of at least 50 exhibitions in places as far afield as South America, Kenya and Peking. The latter was the venue for the biggest exhibition ever put by Australia. It was called simply The Australian Exhibition and was staged in 1974 with 160 exhibitors. Products on display included again the Nomad, stud livestock such as the famous Merino breed of sheep and agricultural equipment.

Though he has seen exhibition halls around the world Spendlove has some words of praise for the local venue. He described the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce as excellently located — "it's in a spot that is easy to find and well placed for businessmen" — and said it provided good space for mounting a comprehensive display.

The Australian Trade Display will be officially opened on March 23 by the acting governor of Mecca, Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen. Also present will be the Australian deputy prime minister, M. Anthony, who is also the country's minister for Trade and Resources. Anthony will arrive in the Kingdom on March 18 and during his stay will sign an agreement on economic and technical cooperation between Australia and Saudi Arabia.

Saudi-Cairo bank opens in Sheraton

JEDDAH, March 14 — The Saudi-Cairo Bank was to open its first branch at the Sheraton Hotel Saturday. All banking services will be provided to assist hotel customers.

New directors alter course

Saudi shipping evaluates freighter agreement

JEDDAH, March 14 — The Saudi National Shipping Company has altered course, according to *Saudi Business* this week.

Its new board of directors, chaired by Muhammad As Sagor, former deputy minister of finance and vice-chairman of the Saudi Fund for Development, decided at its first meeting last week to shelve a letter of intent recently signed with the Danish shipping conglomerate Maersk Line.

The letter proposed a SR35 million joint venture, Saudi-Maersk Line, to offer a fortnightly container service between Arabia and the U.S. East coast.

Maersk was to sell the venture five, eleven-year-old bulk cargo and loaded container ships for \$23.75 million. Hitachi Zosen shipyards of Japan was to convert them for \$12 million into cellular container vessels each with a capacity of 1,235 standard, 20-foot containers or their equivalents. Operations with the green and Saudi-flagged ships were to have begun by the end of the year with an interim Maersk charter service from May.

Maersk also proposed substantial training

for Saudi administrators and crew, SNSC was to buy out and completely run the operation after seven years.

But the new board of the joint stock company has decided against using potentially problematic old ships, despite the attractions, of low cost and speedy start-up for SNSC's first service. "We feel we don't want to start life with old ships," a spokesman said.

New ships, however, take two to three years to build and SNSC will continue discussions with Maersk as well as other companies to find an interim solution, as just waiting is "unacceptable" to the board and the 13,000 shareholders, according to general manager Soren Juell.

This could mean chartering, of ideally if improbably the purchase of new vessels meeting the company's needs. New ships would cost around \$30 million each and shipyards generally finance 80 per cent.

The new board has retained the original objective of focussing on a U.S.-Middle East Service which emerged from the recommendations of an implementation study by the U.N. Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization.

Juell said the IMCO study suggested and later feasibility studies underlined that the North America run would be the most accessible and immediately profitable of the three main container lines the company intends to tackle. The other two are to Japan and Europe.

The board, however, has also directed its six executives to investigate livestock transport. The Ministry of Commerce has indicated it will expect support from the SNSC, particularly should a recently proposed joint stock company be formed to import cattle and sheep.

Jeddah port already plans a special livestock terminal to cope with imports, which last year came in almost two and a half million head to feed the Kingdom and the sacrifices of the Hajj.

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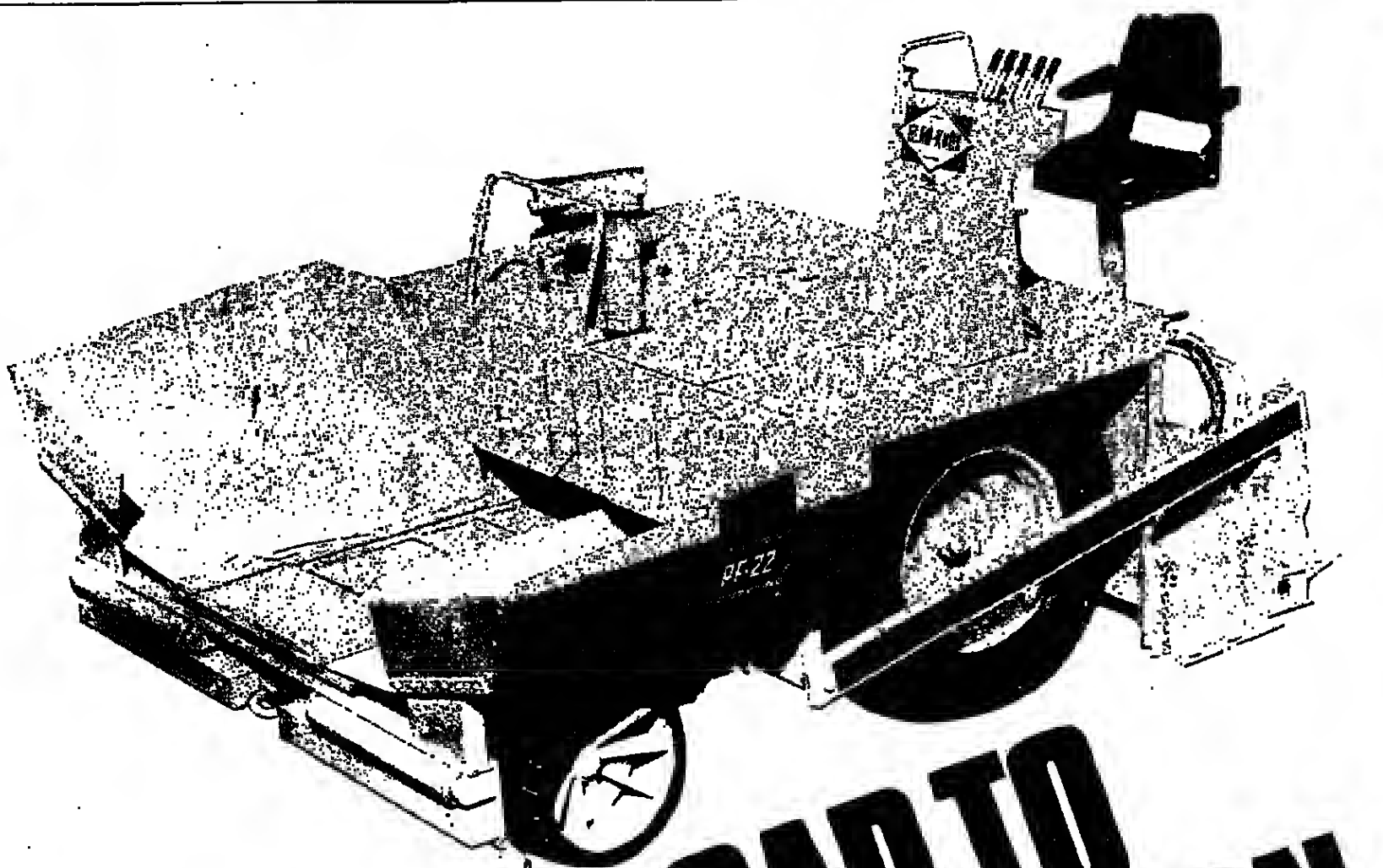
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Assad blames U.S. for internal unrest

DAMASCUS, March 14 (R) — Syrian President Hafez Assad has renewed his attack against the United States and accused it of increasing its military, economic and political support to Israel "under cover of peace."

"The United States would like to make Israel the greatest power in this area to expand its occupation of Arab land," Assad told a youth conference Thursday.

He also said the United States had "instructed its agents to strongly counter Syria's stability."

"We want to assure Washington, Israel and their agents, here and anywhere that we warmly welcome such a battle," Assad said.

The congress decided to establish "armed battalions" to counter "gangs of killers and saboteurs." Workers and peasants made similar decisions earlier.

In the meantime, Mahmoud Hadid, speaker of Syria's People's Assembly (parliament), was quoted Friday as saying the government had the power to crush the violence within hours.

Commenting on reports of widespread unrest in northern and central Syria in an interview with a local Lebanese news agency, Hadid said the government had so far not used all the power at its disposal to end the violence.

The government was capable of ending the violence "not within days, but within

hours," he was quoted as saying.

Syrian newspapers Thursday echoed Assad in blaming the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for internal unrest.

The government newspaper *Tishrin* said in an editorial the CIA was controlling armed men responsible for attacks on government establishments here and called on the population to stand together against what it termed enemies of the people.

In a tough speech to trade unionists on Tuesday, Assad for the first time publicly accused the CIA of fomenting internal disorder.

Al-Baath the newspaper of the ruling Baath Party, said in an editorial that "killers and bandits" operating inside Syria were paid and armed by the CIA and Israel. It added: "The right-wing Lebanese Phalangist Party was helping to smuggle weapons into Syria."

"It is no secret that many Israeli and American advisers are now in Jounieh and Dbayeh," *Al-Baath* said in a reference to two coastal towns in the rightist-controlled sector of Lebanon.

"It is no secret that many American and Israeli ships loaded with arms are now at Aquamarina to distribute weapons in Syria and Lebanon," the paper added. Aquamarina is one of dozens of illegal ports dotted along the Lebanese coast.

Meanwhile, Information Minister Ahmad Iskander has praised Soviet support for Syria and said the country was on the way to military parity with Israel.

Iskander said in an interview with Reuters Thursday that efforts to strike a strategic balance with Israel — Syria's phrase for military parity — had been accelerated after President Anwar Sadat of Egypt broke ranks with the Arabs and made peace with the Jewish state.

"Syria is in a good position," Iskander said. "We are on the way to a strategic balance. We will complete its elements so we can face Israeli arrogance and expansionist designs."

He gave no details. But President Assad said last week the strength of his armed forces had grown threefold over the past ten years. The tank force now stood at around 3,000 compared with 1,000 in 1970.

Philippines Muslims mark advent of Islam

MANILA, March 14 (R) — Muslims in Philippines Friday began year-long celebrations of the 600th anniversary of the arrival of Islam in the country.

Special prayers were being said in mosques, including the relatively new mosque in Manila.

There are now between two to four million Muslims in a population of some 48 million Filipinos. The majority live in the far south-west on Mindanao and nearby islands where segments of the community have waged a

America to restore embassy staff in 4 countries

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP) — The State Department, which reduced the U.S. embassy staffs in 12 Muslim countries late last year for security reasons, has quietly decided to return the personnel it had withdrawn to four of those countries, U.S. officials say.

The countries are Oman, Bangladesh, North Yemen and Algeria.

Embassy staffs were cut back and other precautionary measures taken last November after the occupation of the U.S. embassy in Iran and a raid on the American embassy in Pakistan.

In addition to staff reductions, the State Department warned Americans against non-essential travel in the 12 countries and urged dependents of American diplomats to return to the United States.

The other eight countries were Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Lebanon, Syria and Libya.

U.S. officials, who asked not to be identified, said a total of about 200 persons will be returning to Oman, Bangladesh, North Yemen and Algeria. It was not clear how many will be government employees and how many dependents.

The precautionary measures taken last November came during a period of growing anti-American tension in the Arab world, much of it arising from appeals to the Islamic masses by Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini.

The measures were announced four days after an angry Muslim mob attacked the American embassy in Islamabad, killing a marine guard and forcing the evacuation of some 100 persons.

A few days after the announcement, some 2,000 pro-Khomeini Libyans marched on the American embassy in Libya, broke down the front door and set fire to the first floor.

sporadic revolt for the past eight years resulting in some 50,000 deaths.

The Philippines is formally a secular state, in which Muslims have freedom of worship and are allowed to follow Islamic laws on such matters as divorce which is not available to the rest of the mainly Roman Catholic population.

Many Muslims however, have complained that they have not had enough say in their own affairs in the south, and express concern about increasing Christian inroads in their regions.

Including PLO

Hurd stresses Palestinian self-determination

KUWAIT, March 14 (AP) — British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Douglas Hurd has said any Middle East solution must recognize the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination with the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"On the substance of the (Middle East) problem, the British view is that there is a gap in U.N. Resolution 242, since it does not cover the problem of the rights of the Palestinians," Hurd said.

"It does not suffice to treat this question as a refugee problem. Any solution must recognize the right of the Palestinians to self-determination within the framework of a negotiated settlement," he told a press conference Wednesday.

"The PLO is an important factor in the situation, and because it speaks for a large

number of Palestinians it needs to be included in any settlement and cannot be excluded indefinitely," he said.

Hurd, who left Thursday for home after a week's visit to North Yemen and Kuwait, said the British government was considering with other European partners "whether there is a some helpful way of improving the chances for a fair and lasting settlement."

He said the European Economic Community has not yet taken any decision, "but consultation has begun at our suggestion."

The minister said the timing of any EEC action would need "very careful consideration," but ruled out an early European recognition of the PLO.

Hurd explained that the proposed European initiative was not intended as a substi-

tute for the Camp David agreements, but "rather a separate and parallel" to them.

Hurd expressed Britain's opposition to Jewish settlement on the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip. "The British position on Israeli settlement on the West Bank is well known. We voted in favor of the recent Security Council Resolution," he added.

"I have personally discussed this question with Israeli leaders and expressed to them a strongly held conviction that a continued policy of settlement in occupied territory is a serious obstacle to the search of peace," he said.

Hurd said Britain had no intention of returning to the Gulf "with troops. We hope Gulf states will be able to defend themselves but we will help them if they ask for it."

Iraq boycotts 25 firms, 12 ships

BAGHDAD, March 14 (R) — Iraq has blacklisted 25 firms and 12 vessels of various nationalities because of their dealing with Israel, the Iraqi News Agency reported Friday.

It said the boycott affected companies and vessels from Britain, Singapore, the Netherlands, Iran, Hong Kong, Belgium, Japan, India, Cyprus, Italy, Greece, Liberia, Spain and West Germany.

Ban has been lifted on eight firms and four ships of different nationalities after they stopped dealing with Israel, it added.

Anti-Sadat coup plot denied

CAIRO, March 14 (AP) — A top Egyptian official has described as "absolute nonsense" a Kuwaiti newspaper report that alleged a group of army officers planned a coup d'etat against President Anwar Sadat's regime.

The newspaper, *Al Rai - Al Aam* published in Kuwait claimed the coup was fanned when a member of a group calling itself "Egyptian Liberals" reported the plan to Vice-President Hosni Mubarak who promptly had them arrested shortly before the plot was to go into effect.

The plan, according to the paper provided for the seizure of the presidential palace and the radio station. But the report did not say why the officers wanted to topple Sadat.

"The story is not even a creative scenario," Mansour Hassan Minister of state for presidential affairs and acting information minister, said Thursday.

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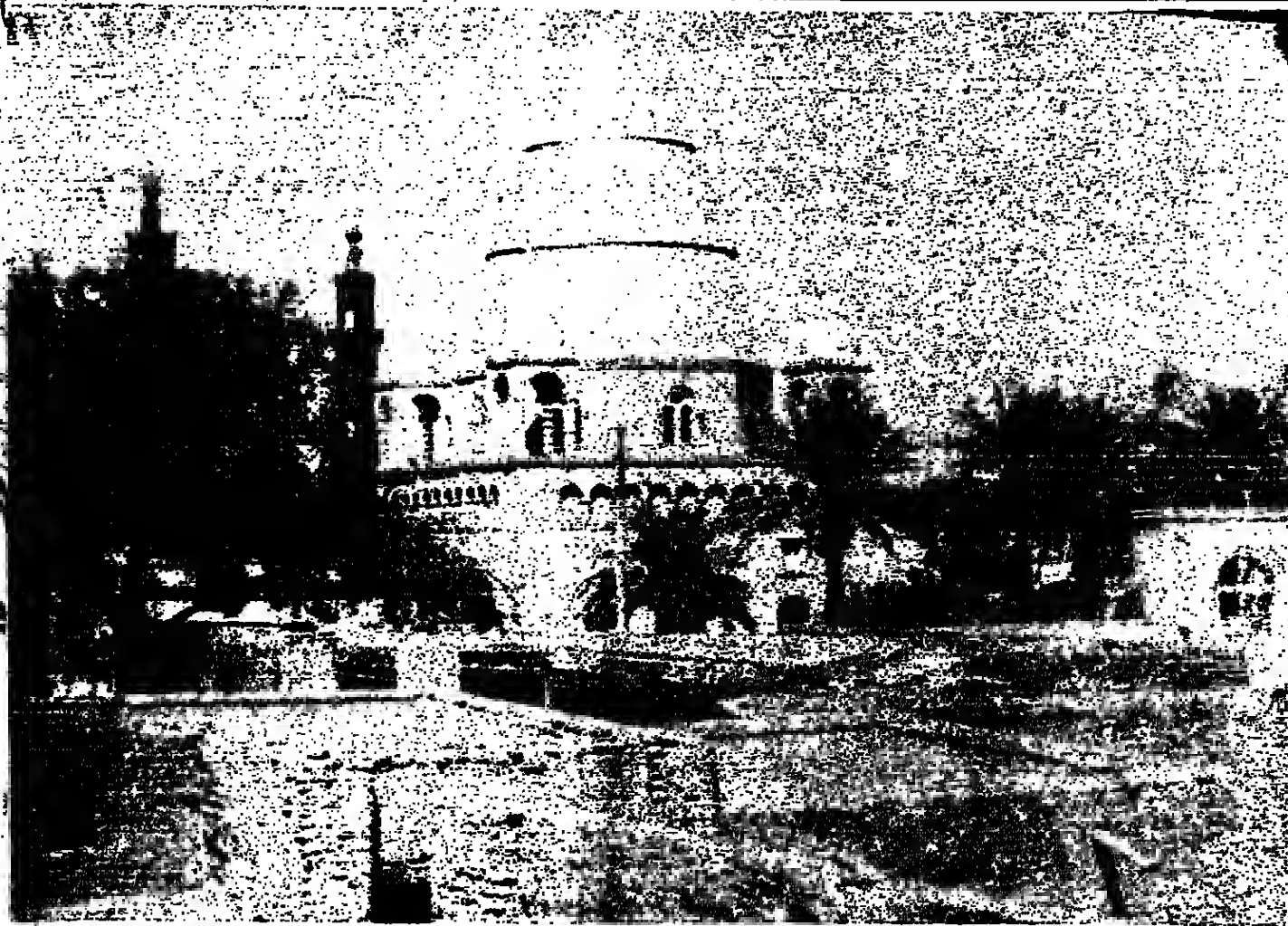
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The monument to the Mahdi of Sudan

Khartoum

At the confluence of the two Niles

By Jacqueline Elmaleh

KHARTOUM — The meeting of the Blue Nile and the White Nile is described in Arab poetry as "the longest kiss in history." At this confluence of the sluggish White Nile whose waters spark the great explorations of the nineteenth century in Africa and the torrid and highly variable Blue Nile draining the Ethiopian plateau, lies Khartoum, the capital of Sudan, long a link between the East and the Arab world. Khartoum is really three towns in one: Khartoum, the commercial and administrative center; Khartoum North, the industrial sector on the east bank of the Blue Nile and Omdurman, a sprawling historical residential area on the Nile proper.

The city is a brown color, the brown of Nile mud, comfortable to the eyes otherwise washed against the sky. Magnificent trees line the banks while dhowes, as timeless as the Nile itself, with sails billowing, glide along the river hugging the green bank. The story has it that "Khartoum" the Arabic word for elephant's trunk, describes

the narrow strip of land between the two Niles at their junction. Elephants, once found much farther south, did once roam the area. Its present character developed during the

Dhowes as timeless as the Nile itself, with sails billowing, glide along the river lazily hugging the green bank.

fourteenth century, at which time there were large migrations of Arabs from Upper Egypt.

Khartoum, as a southern market town under Turkish suzerainty was founded in the

early 1820's by Muhammad Ali Pasha, then Governor of Egypt. British influence first came into the region, through Ismail Pasha, Muhammad Ali's grandson, whose schemes as ruler of Egypt, such as the building of the Suez Canal had put the country seriously into debt, forcing him to seek western aid. He later appointed Charles Gordon, that well-known Victorian pioneer, as Governor-General of the entire Sudan.

But in 1879 Ismail was deposed and the situation of the people in Sudan and the wider region ominously under the sway of the pashas had become intolerable from oppression. They were ripe for revolt.

It was at this time that Muhammad Ahmed appeared with his vision of regenerating Islam not just in Sudan but throughout the old Islamic world. In 1881 he was proclaimed as the 'Mahdi' and thousands flocked to his standard. The battle that ensued was a bitter one and his supporters, who came from all over the Sudan, overwhelmed the government forces. Khartoum, isolated from British aid, fell to this Muslim reformer in 1885 and Gordon was killed in his headquarters.

The old city was abandoned and a new capital, Omdurman, rose at the site of a village across the White Nile.

When the Mahdi succumbed to smallpox in the same year, one of his best generals took over the leadership. Emir Abdullah henceforth known as the Khalifa, extended the city of Omdurman, rebuilt it, including his own palace, with more permanent materials. He built strong stone ramparts around the central part, which enclosed the tomb of the Mahdi, the mosque, the barracks and his headquarters. Along the riverside he constructed several defensive forts.

Thirteen years later, in 1898, an Anglo-Egyptian army approached by river and land under Lord Kitchener with a mission to reconquer Sudan. The heavy artillery and armored gunboats easily made up for their inferior numbers.

So as not to destroy the town under the barrage of such superior weaponry, the Khalifa and his forces moved out onto open ground that fateful September morning. The Anglo-Egyptian troops stood ready for action.

The Khalifa's meo moved rapidly against them, accompanied by the beating of drums and the blare of ivory horns. Flags of many hues floated over the dense mass of white robed warriors and in the midst of it all the black banner of the Khalifa, six feet square. The Khalifa was surrounded by his emirs, his son Osman commanding a division on his left, his brother Yacoub at the head of a division on his right. Behind the entire army was the remainder of Omdurman's population.

The brave stand that the Muslims made at Omdurman against the invading forces is known to history, if not just by the sheer multitudes that perished in the defeat. The battle as it happened is laid out in diagrams and scale models for all to see at the Khalifa's House, one of the most interesting Museums in Sudan.

In the Khalifa's original house its exhibits consist mostly of relics of the last two decades of the nineteenth century. Items on display include three historic vehicles — an open land-aus used by the Khalifa; an iron boat used by Frenchman Jean-Baptiste Marchand when he made his epic journey to plant the tri-color at Fashoda, and a 1902 Arrol car used by the Governor General of Sudan perhaps the first car seen in the capital.

Muhammad Ahmed, the Mahdi and General Charles Gordon dominate another part of the museum. All is memory of battle and skirmish long ago — chain mail worn by followers of the Mahdi, galling guns, battleflags and drums. Next to the museum is the Mahdi's tomb, a white mausoleum with a glistening silver dome. It was built by the Khalifa a few years after Muhammad Ahmed's death, destroyed by Kitchener and rebuilt in 1947.

Today, a never-ending flow of cars busily crowds the dual highway leading into

Omdurman from Khartoum across the White Nile. The old mud brown forts, that once made up the city's defenses still can be spotted along the river banks, where goats oow graze. Overhead, buzzards, wings spread out, hover in a near motionless dance on the thermals.

Omdurman is a composite of new and traditional Sudanese architecture — mud or clay flat-roofed houses, city walls, narrow streets and dark little shops, where Sudan's best handicrafts are sold.

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Yugoslavia braced for collective leadership

By Peter Ristic

BELGRADE — After Tito Yugoslavia will never have another president and the country will become the first Communist nation without a party chief.

The plan is that Tito's powers will be taken over by two institutions — the state presidency and the party presidium — where decisions will be taken on a consensus basis.

Essentially this is already happening. During the past two months of Tito's critical illness all key decisions have been taken without reference to him and no signs of discord have emerged in the top leadership.

On the death of Tito the offices of state and party president will be dissolved. The two top jobs in the collective state presidency — whose powers lie somewhere between a U.S. executive-type presidency and a mere figurehead — and the party presidium will rotate, as they do now, on a yearly basis between the six republics and two regions of Yugoslavia.

The jobs entitle the holder to no more say in the

making of decisions than any other member of the two bodies. The holder only arranges meetings and draws up the agenda.

The thinking behind the idea of collective leadership and rotation of senior jobs is that no politician should be allowed to build up too much power, as this could strain relations between the various peoples in the multi-national state and threaten the nation's unity. It is also a reflection of the personality of Tito, who could not conceive of a potential successor.

The arrangement underlines the fact that no other man in Yugoslavia could hope to hold so much power as Tito. As one Yugoslav official put it: "Tito was the founder of a new country. Such firm guidance is not now necessary."

The collective state presidency is responsible for decisions relating to the republics and regions of Yugoslavia and deals with state matters and the economy.

There are eight members one for each of the constituent parts of the federation — who represent their region for five years. They have to harmonize their interests and iron out any difficulties that may

have arisen in the chamber of republics and provinces.

The vice-president of the presidency, or chairman, is the second most responsible person in the state after Tito and the man who fulfills all the president's official functions if he is away or incapacitated.

Kolisevski will hold his post for three more months. In May the job will rotate to another member of the presidency, whose name is not yet known.

More important than the state presidency is the 24-member party presidium, the body that makes the political decisions in the one-party state.

The top job here, under Tito, is held by 60-year-old Stevan Doronjski from Vojvodina. His title is that of presidium standing member, essentially a chairman responsible for organizing meetings. In October Doronjski will hand over his job to another member from another region for a one-year term, confirming the rule of rotation.

After Tito no one will take over as president of the party, but this has yet to be written into the party statutes.

Eight members of the presidium hold their seat by virtue of their positions as presidents of the party committees in their regions. Each party congress — and the next one is scheduled for three years' time — confirms this and elects two other representatives for each republic and one each for the two regions Kosovo and Vojvodina. The remaining seat is held by Defense Minister Nikola Ljubic.

The rule in the party presidium is also that decisions should be taken collectively, on the basis of consensus.

Just how the idea of collective leadership will work in practice over the long term is a big question. "Yugoslav officials admit it has no parallel anywhere else in the world."

"The first period will be one of consolidation," said one official. After that, he personally believes that the collective leadership principle in its pure form would undergo modifications and an overall guiding hand would appear. "Eventually someone would have to emerge for guidance," he said.

Who that person could be, no one is prepared to guess. (OFNS)

PEACE OUTLOOK CHANGE

As French President Giscard d'Estaing returns home from his visit to the Middle East, his task is to ponder the results, both where it concerns the relations between France and the Arab world, and that to do with the question of a just settlement for the problem of Palestine. The president brought with some very welcome evidence of a change of outlook on the question of peace, and he was speaking not merely on behalf of France but of Western Europe as a whole. What is required now is that these changes are given a more concrete, detailed expression, so that the long awaited "European initiative" at last makes a start.

The signs are that this is already happening — Great Britain is already reported as making a series of contacts with the aim of producing an amendment to U.N. Resolution 242, in which its demeaning mention of the Palestinian people as "refugees" is changed to a firm recognition of them as a people whose national rights have been usurped; and to whom these rights must be restored. While it is clear that the European view this exemplifies will not get all the way to meet Arab demands, these developments are very positive and welcome, representing at least a possible point of departure for negotiations for the Arab side.

The success or failure of the impending European move will be the outcome of the possible stand taken by each of the following three sides. There are firstly the Palestinians, represented by the Palestine Liberation Organization, who have been watching the developments with the utmost interest. Their stand will be finally decided by the Palestinian National Convention due to meet soon. And it is expected to be favorable, although there are some dissenting voices demanding delay until the European card is put on the table. The second factor is the American one. And the difficulty here is the inability of the U.S. administration to obtain room for maneuver in this presidential election year. The administration is insisting that any European effort should not clash with the process started by the Camp David accords, especially where it concerns the "Palestinian autonomy" talks between Egypt and Israel. But this objection, it is believed, will soon founder, once the deadlock in those talks becomes final — and here the significant date is May 26.

Thirdly, there is the Arab side, whose unity and consistent pressure were instrumental in gaining this diplomatic victory for the Palestinian cause. That same unity and purposiveness will be indispensable for maintaining the momentum, and for making sure that the isolation of the Camp David approach is made final.

By Anthony Holden

WASHINGTON — No doctor could tell the why, but viathe and Doris Figgins were never able to produce the child they desperately wanted. For three years they toured physicians in their home state of Virginia, and in nearby Washington DC, only to be told there was nothing physically wrong with either of them.

Only recently did Doris, now 69, discover the truth. The tiny scar on her stomach was not, as she had been told, the result of an appendectomy. In 1928, at the age of 16, she had been forcibly sterilized by the state authorities.

Mrs. Figgins had spent part of her youth in an institution then known as the Virginia Colony for Epileptics and the Feeble-minded. Her case became public last month amid the astonishing revelation that Virginia, in a 48-year program ending as recently as 1972, had sterilized some 7,500 men and women, most of them white, all deemed "feeble-minded" or "anti-social" by the state authorities.

The law permitting these operations still remains on the state statute book, though it has not been

implemented in the last eight years. Amid last week's furor, Virginia legislators were hurrying to reconsider it, given comments such as that from the local civil liberties group: "This brings to society the theories and experiments of scientists in Nazi Germany."

Medical records are still being examined to determine the precise number of people sterilized by the Virginia program. An investigation by a state newspaper, the *Winchester Evening Star*, has already proved that 6,080 people in Virginia mental institutions had been sterilized by mid-1952 — 20 years before the end of the program. Many of the victims are still alive, and many have spent a lot of time — and money — trying to find out why they could not bear children.

Unwed mothers, prostitutes, petty criminals and children with disciplinary problems were among those sterilized, state officials confirmed. Most likely to suffer were those from families with a history of mental illness.

"Three generations of imbeciles are enough," declared Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes in a famous 1927 ruling upholding Vir-

ginia's sterilization program.

"It is better for all the world if, instead of waiting to execute degenerate offspring for crimes, or to let them starve for their inebility, society can prevent those who are manifestly unfit from continuing to reproduce their kind."

The present state medical authorities concede that people like Doris Figgins would not be considered "retarded" by contemporary standards. "I broke down and cried," said Mrs. Figgins, on learning the truth. "My husband and I wanted children desperately. We were crazy about them. I never knew what they they'd done to me."

Mrs. Figgins' sister, Carrie Buck, was another victim of the program. At 19, she was adjudged a "feeble-minded" unwed mother whose daughter was pronounced "slow". Carrie's mother was an "anti-social" woman "believed to be a prostitute."

Although aware of the 1927 Supreme Court case, in which Carrie Buck was the central character, Virginia legislators said last week they had not known that the program was still in practice as recently as 1972.

It has now been made public that the state's

Board of Mental Health and Retardation banned to prevent state hospitals forcibly sterilizing patients without permission from a circuit court.

A last month's session in the Virginia parliament, the current law was pronounced "unconstitutionally vague". As it stands, it permits a judge to order a mentally ill or retarded person to be sterilized if the operation is determined to be in the patient's "best interests."

Only two years ago, the American Civil Liberties Union challenged the law when a county judge ordered a 20-year-old Virginia woman sterilized, but the patient's parents dropped their case when it went to appeal in the Virginia Supreme Court.

It has not been revealed how many Virginia patients have been sterilized, under the present law, since 1974. But the cases of Doris Figgins, Carrie Buck and some 7,500 others — though dating back 50 and more years — have galvanized Virginia's state legislature into action.

"I find the whole thing shocking," said the senate majority leader, Hunter Andrews, as the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union set about trying to help surviving victims win damages from the state. — (OFNS)

saudi press review

Weekend newspapers mostly led with Defense Minister Prince Sultan's statement proclaiming Saudi Arabia was planning to build a heavy armaments factory and that oil resources will not be allowed to be treated as a "palatable morsel" for anyone. In a lead story, *Al Riyadh* said a Franco-German summit meeting will take place Sunday to discuss the broad lines of the European initiative the Palestine issue.

The paper further reported French President Giscard d'Estaing as saying Israel must renounce the entire Arab territory in exchange for the right to self-determination and the Palestinian recognition of its existence. *Okaz* played as its lead story, United States' President Jimmy Carter's renewed opposition to the establishment of a Palestinian state. He was reported to have further reaffirmed his commitment to the security of Israel.

In a front-page story, *Al Jazirah* said at least seven million Muslims in 23 Afghan districts were annihilated by the Soviets. In another

story, it highlighted the Libyan rejection of Iraq's invitation for an Arab conference in Baghdad to discuss how best Arab rifts could be resolved. A Libyan official reportedly described the Iraqi call as a "dangerous move."

Al Medina gave front-page treatment to the concluding session of the fourth conference of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) in Jeddah, in which Saudi Arabian Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khail said the kingdom would continue to support any joint Islamic action for Islamic causes. It also gave front-page prominence to Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algeisai's statement that armaments and civilian industries were the two wings of the country's economic base.

Al Riyadh placed as its front-page story the continuous improvement of Lebanese-Palestinian relations. It said the Palestinian resistance has announced its support for the principles of reconciliation among

the concerned parties. The reported attempt on the life of Camille Chamoun, the Lebanese Phalangist party leader, also figured prominently in a majority of newspapers.

In an editorial on the fourth graduation ceremony at the armaments factory in Al Kharij, *Al Medina* said Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, who patronized the ceremony, reaffirmed that the state took into consideration all the aspirations of the Saudi Arabian people. His confirmation that the state was studying the establishment of light and medium arms factories as a prelude to the heavy arms factory in the future demonstrations the state's high aspirations to perpetuate peace and security, it said.

The paper added that countrymen are confident that authorities are concerned to give the country military, industrial and social strength. It wished them success in their endeavors.

Commenting on the Cypriot government's remarks on moves

to settle the Cypriot issue along the Camp David pattern, *Al Jazirah* said the Cypriot government's refusal to accept this pattern is not based on any haphazard step, nor should it be considered as a courtesy to the Arabs. The paper described the Cypriot decision as "based on a deep study and precise scrutiny" of the developments that led to the implementation of the Camp David accords.

The Cypriot government became fully convinced that the Camp David provided no good solution to settle international disputes. Any government that respects itself, its administration and its people will never allow itself to be lead away by any accord on the pattern of Camp David, it said. The report added that the Sadat regime in Egypt has lost even its ability to discriminate between two things since it lost its will, determination and freedom.

Al Riyadh warned the supporters of the American plans in the region that the Afghan crisis cannot be resolved at the cost of the

Palestine problem, for the mere fact that the two issues have different dimensions and objectives.

The paper asked the U.S. and its Western allies to understand the difference and abstain from throwing foreign policy into an embarrassing situation.

The article reminded Washington of its confused policies during the presidencies of Johnson, Ford and Nixon in connection with the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war and its consequent withdrawal from that country.

Okaz said in an editorial that the stance of the superpowers on support for Israel was quite clear. Under the present circumstance, it is not only necessary to keep the Arab region away from the areas of their influence, but it should be considered an effective policy in moving toward the achievement of Arab objectives. It stressed the significance of the establishment of a Palestinian state, without which, tension will continue to mount, bringing the world on the brink of another war.



Normalization, the offspring of accord!

Al Jazirah

Japan

Holding the line in the Pacific

By Kayas Beech

The Los Angeles Times

TOKYO — The American-Japanese military partnership, key to the U.S. defense line in the Pacific, is coming of age. And come too soon, as defense analysts see it.

Russian submarines are prowling the Pacific in increasing numbers; the far-ranging Backfire bomber has been deployed to the Russian Far East; Russian ships and planes are frequent visitors to ports and airfields in Vietnam, and last year the Russians introduced an aircraft carrier, the Minsk, to the Pacific.

The United States has only 140,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen strung out over the Pacific, from sweltering Guam to the frigid mountains of South Korea, and elements of the 7th Fleet have been shifted from the Pacific to the Indian Ocean in connection with the crisis in Iran.

Thus Japan is more vital than ever to U.S. defenses in the Western Pacific and a well-balanced military alliance between the two countries is within sight for the first time since 1952, when a joint defense treaty took effect.

By doing more for its own defense, which is all it was asked to do in the first place, Japan has released U.S. forces to keep the peace elsewhere in the Pacific. The security treaty is unequal in that it requires the United States to come to Japan's defense in case of attack, but does not require Japan to come to the defense of the United States.

Since the Japanese began to move, one defense taboo after another has fallen.

In the past 18 months or so, what would have been unthinkable a few years ago has become routine. American and Japanese pilots regularly engage in mock combat in the skies over northern Japan. Since Japan's skies are as crowded, in their way, as the land, finding enough air space has been a problem.

Language is no barrier, since English is the international aviation language. Besides, Japanese pilots got their jet training from Americans.

"The important thing is that Japanese and American sergeants, captains, colonels and generals are working together," said Lt. Gen. William H. Ginn Jr., a tall, lean fighter pilot who commands the U.S. 5th Air Force and is the top-ranking American military man in Japan.

Security relations between the United States and Japan have "never been stronger and (more) mutually advantageous than they are now," Gen. Yamashita, Japan's former defense chief, said.

"Japan's defense effort is moving at the right pace in the right direction," U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield said.

Another U.S. official said, "We've been prodding the Japanese to do more for their own defense for so long that when they did

begin to move, it was almost as if we were pushing against an open door."

Japan's defense planning can move ahead only so long as it does not exceed the pace of public opinion. But public opinion here has changed radically in favor of a greater defense effort in recent years.

Last year Yamashita took the politically daring step of visiting Seoul, to confer with his Korean counterpart on defense matters, becoming the first Japanese defense chief to do so.

In another symbolic gesture, members of the Joint Staff Council, Japan's highest military command, broke another self-imposed barrier by flying to Okinawa to watch a big U.S. Marine Corps amphibious exercise.

Not so long ago the entire high command would have had to resign for that, but press and public took the matter to stride. And today Japanese and American military men can plan joint strategy for the defense of Japan, which is all that Japan is required to do under the security treaty.

Legally, they could not do even that until a set of guidelines for military cooperation was worked out in November 1978.

The was a mild stir recently when Japan's defense planners announced that they were about to break yet another taboo. The Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, or navy, will take part in joint exercises with the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Canada next spring in Hawaiian waters.

Japan's contribution will be modest, a couple of ships, eight anti-submarine planes and about 700 sailors. But it was considered a bold step in view of a Japanese policy against sending its armed forces overseas.

When questioned, a government spokesman said that the exercise would enhance the navy's ability to defend Japan's home islands and, besides, Japan has a defense treaty with the United States.

"I guess we won't be able to talk to the other countries because we don't have a treaty with them," a Japanese officer said, grinning. "But if we do, they all speak English, as we do."

"A year ago," an American officer said, "the Japanese swore to me they could never take part in such an exercise. It makes me wonder what else they have up their sleeve."

Air and navy exercises are easy to bring off because they have little or no impact on the lives of the average Japanese. Both sides agree that the real test will come when their ground forces go on joint maneuvers.

That is a bridge neither side is ready to cross, yet. One big problem will be to find enough space. And no one knows what the Japanese reaction will be to such a blatant display of military power on the ground, where it is clearly visible.

One of the most obvious recent changes is the public attitude toward defense. Military topics that used to provoke near-hysteria are

now discussed openly, even nuclear weapons. The once-controversial security treaty, which brought down a government when a major revision of it was rammed through the parliament 20 years ago, is now widely accepted.

Opposition parties have either muted or dropped their opposition to it. This is due in part to the low profile of the U.S. military in Japan, only 46,000 men and women, most of them Air Force and Marine Corps, the latter based on Okinawa. But that is only one factor among many.

The Japanese seldom do anything to a hurry. They act only after there is general agreement on a course of action and the ground has been carefully prepared. The change in military thinking was no exception.

It began in 1969, when President Nixon, in a Guam speech that became known as the "Nixon Doctrine," warned Asian nations that they would have to take primary responsibility for their defense. Some Japanese were listening.

But not until five years ago, after the U.S. debacle in Vietnam and the Americans seemed to be withdrawing from the Western Pacific, did the Japanese come to grips with the new situation.

Nothing shocked them more than President Carter's decision, since reversed, to withdraw U.S. troops from South Korea.

The Japanese also discovered that their defense alliance with the United States was not, as popularly believed, an obstacle to better relations with China. Tokyo and Peking established diplomatic relations in 1972 and China later began expressing open support for the U.S.-Japan security as a means of curbing Russian expansion.

Meanwhile, as U.S. naval strength in the Far East declined, Soviet sea and air power increased, to a point where some Japanese defense experts say the Soviet Union is now superior to the United States.

Another vital factor was the question of U.S. will. Some polls showed that a majority of Japanese doubted that the United States would live up to its treaty commitment if Japan were attacked.

"Your credibility was on the line and to a large extent it still is," said a Japanese official who did not wish to be identified.

If Japan needed any further incentive to look after its defense, it came in 1978 when, over Soviet objections, Japan signed a peace treaty with China. The Soviets responded by promptly putting 10,000 troops on three small, disputed islands just off Japan's northern coast.

"Right now, sentiment for the security treaty is so strong that it would survive a coalition government," said Takuya Kubo, a former defense agency official who now heads a private research group.

Kubo also takes note of an internal factor that has helped shape Japan's attitude toward defense. More than half of Japan's popula-

tion was born after World War II, and these people, too young to remember the war's horrors, are not as emotional about military matters.

For years Americans have been complaining that Japan was getting a "free ride" at U.S. expense. While the Japanese could still do more in terms of their defense, the charge is no longer true.

Japan's defense budget this year amounts to \$10.1 billion, which according to Ambassador Mansfield ranks sixth in the world. This amounts to 0.9 per cent of the Japanese gross national product, which makes it a target of critics, but Mansfield pointed out that over the past 10 years, Japan has increased its defense spending 8 per cent annually.

Moreover, at a time when other government agencies have been forced to accept reductions in their 1980 spending, the defense budget has stood fast.

"There would be hell to pay if it didn't" one U.S. official said.

Japan is already paying about one-third roughly \$770 million — of the cost of keeping U.S. forces in Japan, and has promised to do more in 1980.

With the dollar plummeting in relation to the Japanese yen over the past decade, U.S. military costs in Japan have soared astronomically and some American families have been severely pinched.

"With some Japanese gate keepers earning more than your sergeants, the least we could do was to increase our contribution," a Japanese Foreign Ministry official said.

Japan is not contemplating any large increase in its armed forces, which have remained constant for years at about its air and submarine defenses, which is what the United States asked it to do.

During the 1980s Japan is committed to build or buy from the United States \$14 billion worth of military equipment, including 100 F-15 fighters, the hottest item in the U.S. air arsenal, and 45 F3C Orion long-range anti-submarine patrol planes.

"Japan wants the best, most sophisticated weapons systems that money can buy," an Air Force officer said, "and that's what they're getting."

Since the Japanese have a strong aversion to importing anything they can make, they have acquired the right to build a certain number of F-15s.

"If we didn't sell them the technology, they could and would develop it on their own," the Air Force officer said. "So it's better to do it this way."

Will the Japanese make use of their newly acquired military technology to manufacture weapons for export? U.S. officials concede that this is a possibility, but sentiment against arms export is so strong in Japan that a manufacturer was arrested for making cotter pins that fitted into grenades.

However, the Japanese did buy the rights to build an H-46 military helicopter from the Boeing Vertol Co. of Seattle, then turned

around and sold the civilian version of the same aircraft to Saudi Arabia after outbidding the original manufacturer.

Without Japan, the United States would have no presence worth the name in the Pacific. But if the United States needs Japan, Japan needs the United States even more. No one is more keenly aware of this than Kieichi Saeki, chairman of the Nomura Research

institute and one of a panel of experts established to keep U.S.-Japan relations on an even basis.

"You (the U.S.) are weaker economically," Saeki said. "You are weaker militarily. Your credibility is weaker. But even so, you still are the most powerful nation in the world. Besides, we have no other place to go. Therefore it is up to us Japanese to help you."

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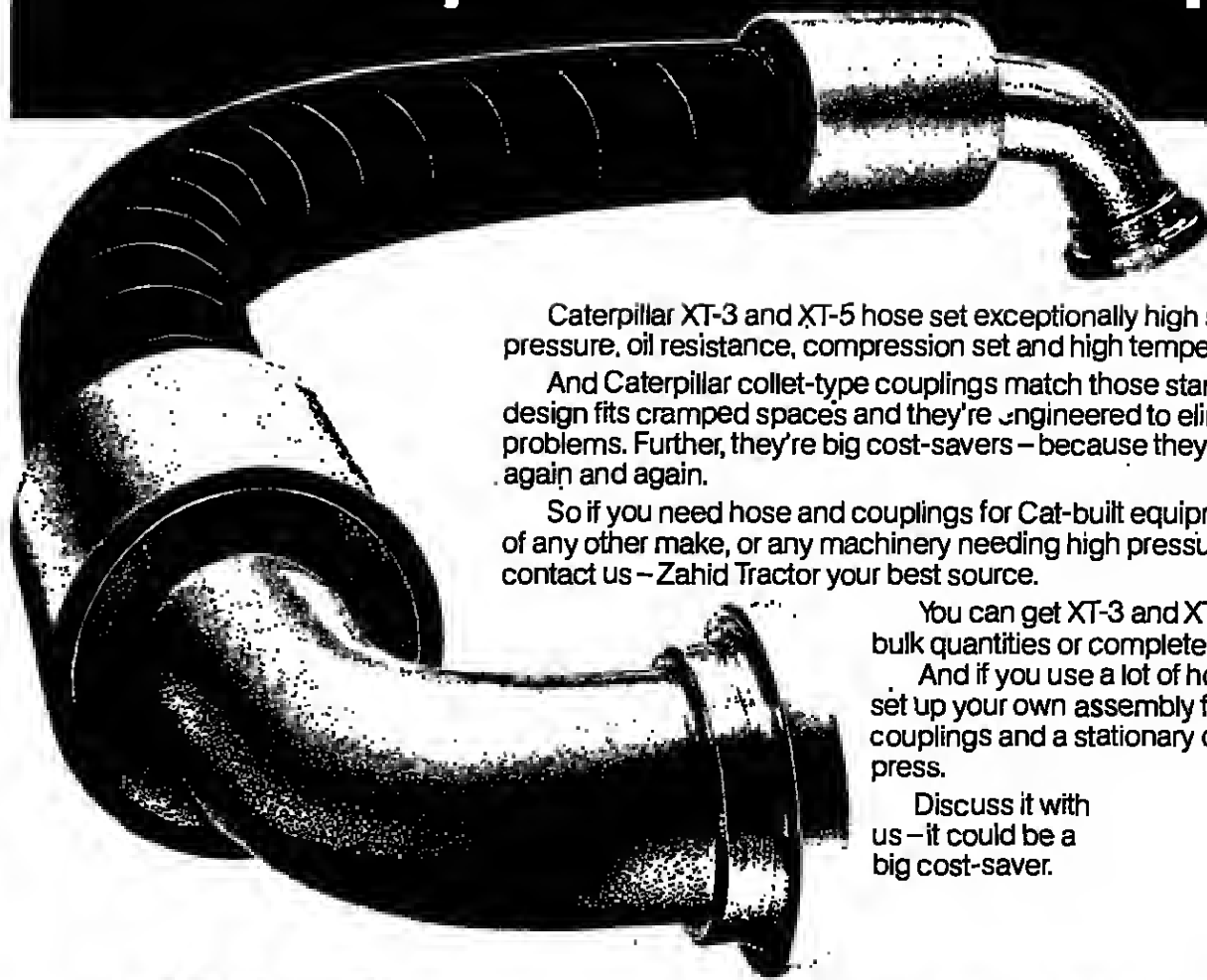
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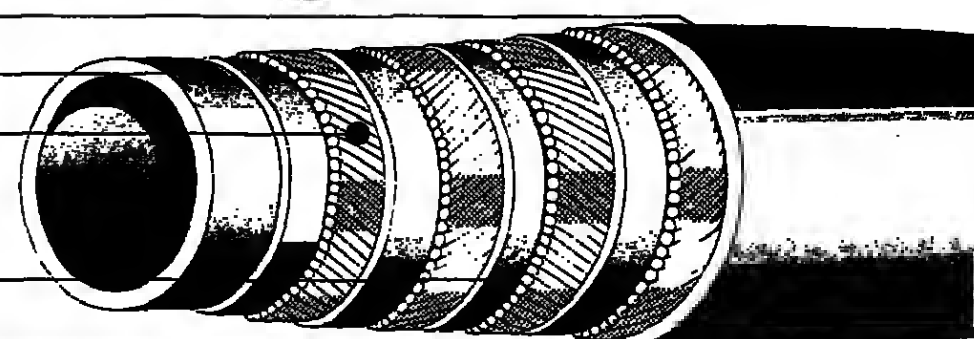
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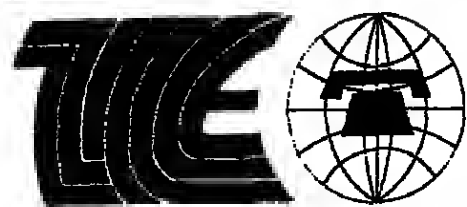
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11 SWAPO men killed in border crossing

WINDHOEK, South-West Africa, March 14 (AP) — Security forces killed 11 SWAPO guerrillas trying to infiltrate into this territory from Angola, Brig. Gen. Pieter Bosman said.

Two other guerrillas of the South-West African People's Organization were killed in an ambush as they were leaving a store. The guerrillas were hungry because of a food shortage in Southern Angola, Bosman said Thursday.

Bosman said a large amount of weapons and ammunition were seized, including 88 mm mortars, AK-47 assault rifles and RPG7 rockets, all of communist-bloc manufacture.

Meanwhile, in the Zambian capital of Lusaka, a United Nations delegation arrived to discuss U.N. independence and cease-fire proposals for the South African-administered territory.

The delegation, led by U.N. Under-Secretary Brian Urquhart, was criticized by SWAPO for having visited the territory to discuss its proposals with internal leaders.

"The visit, we maintain, was ill-conceived and is clearly an open violation of the well-known, principled position of the U.N. on Namibia (South-West Africa), which among other things, recognizes SWAPO as the sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people," a SWAPO spokesman said.

The spokesman also said the U.N. officials were being used by South Africa to help "legitimize the puppets in Namibia and for trying to give them equal status to SWAPO. This creeping appeasement of the racist, criminal Boers, can no longer be tolerated. These incidents are becoming increasingly too numerous to be accidental."

The head of a three-man Soviet delegation visiting Zambia, Vladimir Kudriavtsev, promised more aid to SWAPO. "We shall continue to render assistance to our struggling brothers and sisters until genuine independence is won," he said.

The United Nations, backed by five major Western powers, has been trying to arrange independence elections for the territory. The world body revoked the League of Nations mandate which gave South Africa control of the territory.

South Africa, meanwhile, set up elections for a territorial assembly in December of 1978. The U.N. team met with representatives of the leading parties in the assembly. SWAPO, which has been fighting a 13-year bush war with South Africa for control of the territory, boycotted the voting.



EXTINCTION BOUND: These oryx antelopes living in Britain are to be sent to Africa — to help save the species from extinction. Four years ago, there were thousands of the curved-horn Scimitar Oryx on the edge of the southern Sahara, but now they are dying at an alarming rate in Chad. They have been killed for food and there are only about 500 left. These are in Marwell Zoo, Hampshire.

Uganda newspaper claims

Tanzania troops to pull out

KAMPALA, Uganda, March 14 (AP) — A leading Ugandan newspaper reported that Tanzanian troops in all Ugandan towns including the capital of Kampala and Entebbe are to be withdrawn by Saturday.

The African-language "Tajja empya" newspaper report on Thursday was attributed to "most reliable Ugandan government sources."

It said the troops will be replaced by newly trained units of the Ugandan Liberation Army.

The report said some 5,600 Ugandan troops were due to take up posts around the country this week.

Meanwhile, the government of President Godfrey Binaisa Thursday reaffirmed Uganda's ties with Tanzania, which has 20,000 troops in the country, and denied the possibility of any other military force entering Uganda.

U.N. council issues appeal for refugee's release

UNITED NATIONS, March 14 (AP) — Donald O. Mills of Jamaica, President of the U.N. Security Council acting on its behalf, issued an urgent appeal to the government of South Africa to free Victor Matlou "immediately and unconditionally" and let him leave the country.

The message, terming Matlou a South African Refugee, said South African police seized him at gunpoint last Dec. 12 after a Lesotho Airways plane he was taking from

Maputo, Mozambique, via Swaziland to Maseru, Lesotho, was permitted to land at Bloemfontein, South Africa, because of bad weather.

South African U.N. Ambassador Jacobus Adriaan Eksteen, when a reporter told him of the message, said, "the South African government has acted in this regard within its rights and has not contravened any provision or principle of international law."

But the government source said that his response to the same question at Thursday's cabinet meeting was "non-committal."

A combined force of Tanzanian troops and Ugandan exiles entered Uganda last year and drove President Idi Amin from power after eight years of blood-soaked rule. Some 20,000 Tanzanian troops stayed on to keep the peace and train a new Ugandan army.

Thursday's statement reported agreement on "the withdrawal of a number of Tanzanian troops in line with our defense agreements."

Voters upset with rising prices

Conservatives narrowly win elections

LONDON, March 14 (AP) — Britain's governing Conservative Party received a sharp shock early Friday in a special election (by-election) by just scraping home in what once was the safe seat of Southend East, a commuter seaside resort 42 miles east of London.

Edward Taylor won the election with 13,117 votes, his majority of 430 slashed from 10,774 at the general election last May. Observers said voters were disgruntled with rocketing rail fares and rising food prices. Mortgage costs and local taxes.

Laborite Colin George was second with 12,637 and liberal David Evans third with 8,939.

Four fringe candidates got less than 900 votes between them.

Woman writer receives first Einstein prize

UNITED NATIONS, March 14 (AP) — The Albert Einstein Peace Prize Foundation announced the first winner of its annual \$50,000 award is Alva Myrdal of Sweden.

Mrs. Myrdal was cited for 40 years of striving for arms control. The prize citation declared, "In her prolific writing and activities on behalf of social justice, women's rights, peace and disarmament, Alva Myrdal has made an indelible impression on the thinking of this second half of the 20th century."

In a transatlantic telephone conversation with foundation officials Mrs. Myrdal said she accepted humbly a prize for peace.

U.S. report warns of coming plague by grasshoppers

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP) — U.S. officials are warning of what could be one of the country's largest plagues of grasshoppers in this century, a collection of swarms that threatens 32.2 million acres (about 13 million hectares) of rangeland in 17 western states, the U.S. Agriculture Department said Thursday.

About 60 per cent of the threatened rangeland is in three states: Nebraska, New Mexico and Texas.

Harvey Ford, deputy administrator of the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said the threat was based on surveys last August and September.

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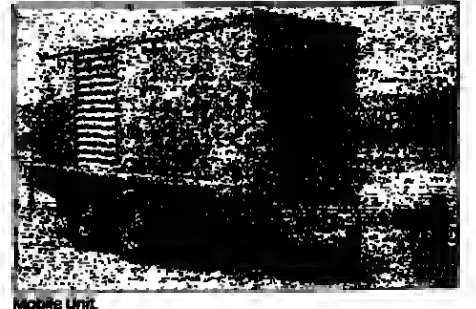
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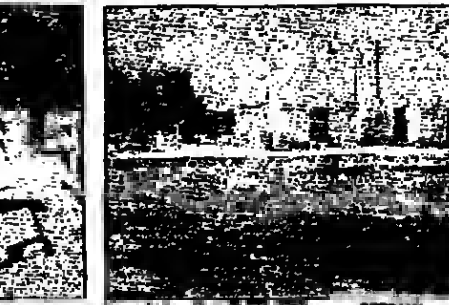
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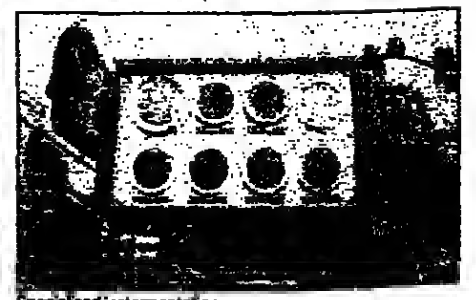
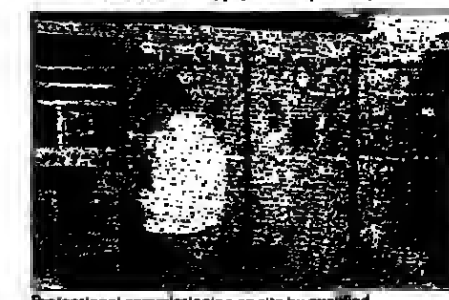
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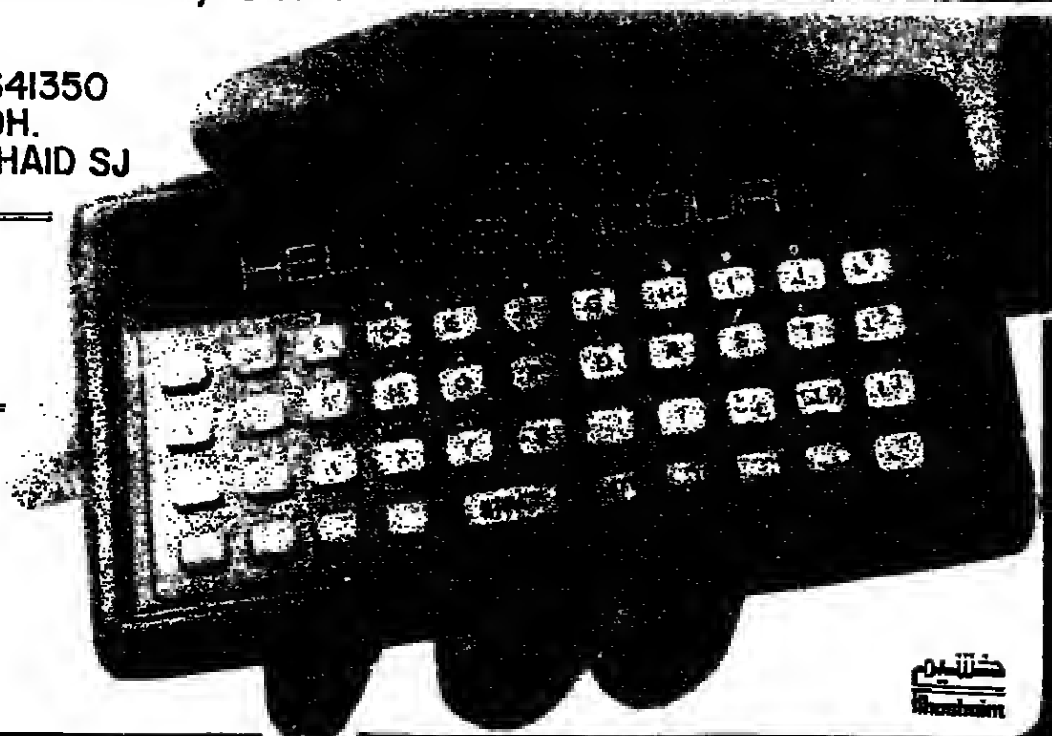
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If in national interest, parliament told

Gandhi condones use of A-bomb

NEW DELHI, India, March 14 (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said that although India is committed to the peaceful use of nuclear energy, it may also develop atomic devices if they are in its "national interests."

"We remain committed to the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes," Gandhi told parliament Thursday.

However, her government would "not hesitate from carrying out nuclear explosions or implosions, what ever is necessary in the national interests," she added.

It was her first statement on nuclear policy since she returned to power last January in a landslide victory in nationwide elections.

India created an international stir in 1974 when it exploded a nuclear device in the Rajasthan Desert, western India, during her previous term in office.

Gandhi's predecessors in office, Morarji Desai and Charan Singh, have taken contrasting stands. While Desai said India will not develop or explode nuclear devices at any point, Singh who succeeded Desai last July declared that India would review its nuclear policy since neighboring Pakistan was building a bomb.

Gandhi said that it was necessary to study the issue closely because of developments in the region. She did not specify what these developments were but could have meant Pakistan's ongoing nuclear program.

learn program.

Pakistan President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq has claimed the program is only for development purposes and that Pakistan does not intend to explode a nuclear device.

"We must have our eyes and ears open and be in touch with the latest technology. We (should) not be caught napping," Gandhi said.

She said the issue should be viewed in the perspective of whether "our entering the (nuclear) race will safeguard our interest or endanger it."

The 62-year-old prime minister said that she accepts "Pakistani assurances" on their nuclear programs.

Martinique swept by strikes, demonstrations

Cuba behind island unrest, French suspect

PARIS, March 14 (R) — France suspects a backing nationalist groups fomenting unrest in the west Indian island of Martinique and will join other western nations in blocking Havana's penetration in the Caribbean, a French Cabinet member said.

The State Secretary for French Overseas Departments and Territories, Paul Dijoud, there were indications that Cuban leader Fidel Castro is providing both political and financial aid to independence movements in Martinique.

"International Communism is on the march in the Caribbean and Cuba is the central American staging post for Soviet action."

France plans to halt this penetration together with the West and free nations," Dijoud said in a press interview.

Martinique, with a population of 490,000, has been swept by strikes and demonstrations in recent months, and Paris last week sent 220 extra riot police to help keep the peace.

Dijoud's statements to the newspaper *France-soir* and the magazine *Prospective* followed growing tension in Martinique marked by sporadic violence between local inhabitants and people from metropolitan France.

This correspondent, who returned from a visit to Martinique this week noted a rash of

slogans daubed on walls and road signs throughout the island, calling for the departure of French troops and an end to French rule.

Dijoud, in one interview Thursday, said that while there was no sign of Cuban armed support for Martinique nationalists, France could bolster its Caribbean garrisons with intervention troops from Europe within hours.

Most of the present trouble on the island, which has been a French overseas territory since 1976 after three centuries of colonization, appears due more to emotional than economic factors.

'Not welcome,' Manila says

Cambodian prime minister turned away

MANILA, Philippines, March 14 (AP) — Sen. Sampan, recognized as Prime Minister of Cambodia by Southeast Asia's non-communist governments, scrapped a proposed tour of the region after the Philippines said he wasn't welcome, diplomatic sources said.

The sources said on Thursday they understood Khieu Samphan's plan was to begin the tour in Manila after completing his current tour of China and North Korea this weekend.

That would put him here immediately after his four-day visit Friday. Diplomats said back-to-back timing undoubtedly played a part in Manila's decision.

to some parties than they wanted to convey," said a Western political attaché.

A third-world ambassador said it would have led to "somewhat over-identification" of the Philippines with the China-Khmer Rouge side of the Indochina conflict.

The Philippines and its allies in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations — Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia — are walking an international tightrope over the troubled Indochina peninsula.

Khieu Samphan recently replaced Pol Pot as prime minister in a move to buy respectability for the Khmer Rouge government that is accused of responsibility for hundreds of thousands of Cambodian deaths in less than four years.

While continuing to recognize the Khmer

Rouge government in preference to the Vietnam-imposed regime currently in Phnom Penh, however, ASEAN is being careful not to antagonize Hanoi and its Soviet backers unnecessarily, diplomats said.

ASEAN is a 12-year-old grouping supposedly formed for economic purposes but taking more unified political action than economic. It has been in the forefront of nations demanding that Vietnam quit Cambodia and has led the move to keep the Khmer Rouge group in the United Nations until Hanoi pulls out its troops.



MONKEYING AROUND: A public outcry has followed the disclosure that monkeys are being used in America for tests to determine the effects of stress and strain. It is claimed. From these experiments it is hoped scientists will find out, through analogy, the reason for stress in humans. Here two monkeys cling to each other for safety and comfort.

United Nations appoints team for human rights

GENEVA, March 14 (R) — The United Nations Human Rights Commission named representatives from Britain, Costa Rica, Ghana, Iraq and Yugoslavia to a five-member special group which will have powers to demand information from governments about people who are secretly arrested.

The commission's Jordanian chairman Waleed Sadi said the group was "a giant step for human rights." It will be able to approach governments directly to ask for information within 24 hours of a person's disappearance.

The five members, chosen to represent the regional groups within the U.N., were Viscount Colville of Culross from Britain, Luis Varela of Costa Rica, Kwadwo Fak Nyamekye of Ghana, Mahamed Redha Al-Jabiri of Iraq and Ivan Tosevski of Yugoslavia.

All represent their countries here at the current meeting of the 43-nation commission.

NATO effort at reduction finds snags

VIENNA, March 14 (R) — NATO nations called on the Soviet Bloc to begin detailed discussions on measures for verifying an eventual central European troop-reduction agreement.

West Germany's Ernst Jung, speaking for 12 NATO governments at the East-West conference on force reductions said the seven Warsaw Pact partners had made only "vague and general statements" since Western proposals were put forward last December.

NATO proposed seven "associated measures" in an effort to break deadlock at the seven-year-long Vienna negotiations they provide for advance notification of military movements, stationing of observers, and regular inspections to ensure that agreed troops cuts are maintained.

Jung told the 23rd plenary session of the conference that a troop-reduction accord, when eventually negotiated, would be inadequate without specific provisions for verification and for reducing the risk of miscalculation.

A Warsaw Pact spokesman told reporters that Nato was seeking inspection rights outside the agreed reduction area in central Europe, and that its demands for verification were excessive.

Space gas, called exploding star, seen by Chinese

NEW YORK, March 14 (AP) — A strange cloud of expanding gas in space may be the remains of an exploding star seen by Chinese astronomers in 1408, scientists said.

Three astronomers said in the British Science journal *Nature* that the position and spectrum of the cloud of gas, known in astronomical catalogues as CTB80, suggest the object is the same as that seen by the Chinese court astronomers.

"This is a very unusual object. We just wanted to point out that it can be a candidate for the historical evidence," said Dr. Thangasamy Velusamy of India, now visiting at the University of Maryland.

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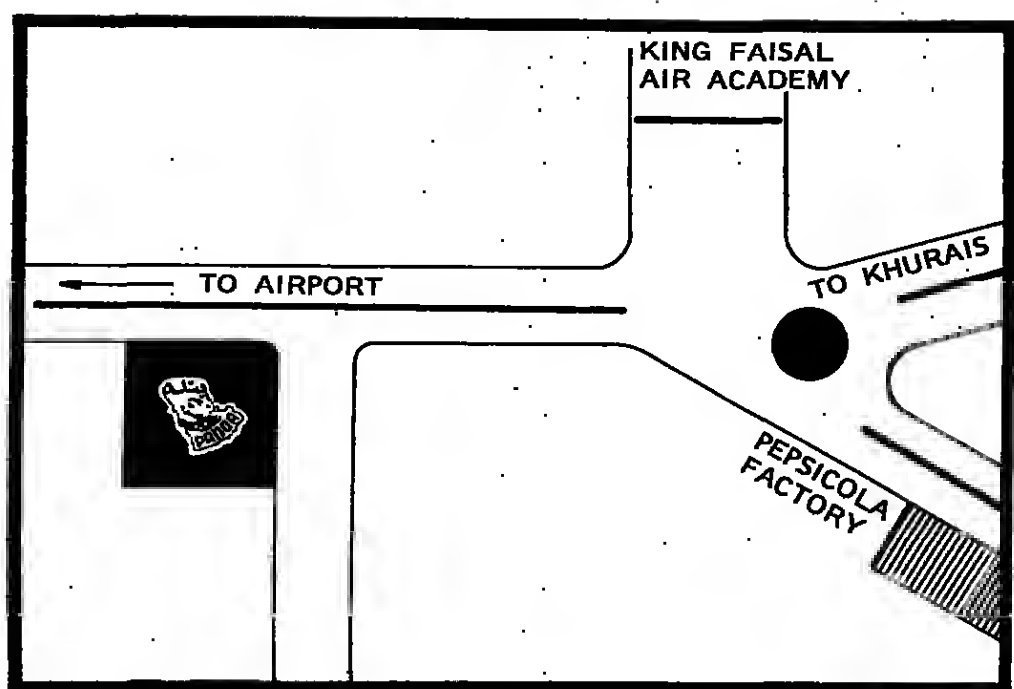
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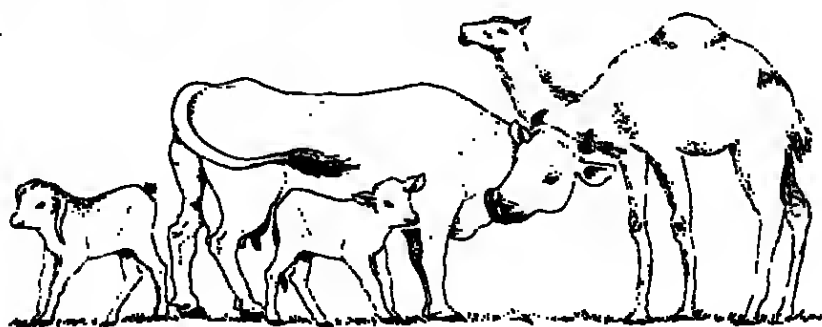


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Abu Dhabi, Dubai agree to UAE central bank

ABU DHABI, March 14 (R) — The rulers of Abu Dhabi and Dubai, the two richest states in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), have agreed to put half their oil revenues into the federation's central budget, and to set up a UAE central bank, the Abu Dhabi Ruler's office said.

The agreement ended a major split over the federation's finances and marked an important strengthening of its central institutions.

Disagreements between the two rulers, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahyan of Abu Dhabi and Sheikh Rashid Bin Said Al-Makymoum of Dubai over the budget, bank, and other steps towards greater integration of

the seven emirates caused a government crisis last year.

Thursday statement by the ruler's office, reported by the official Emirates News Agency, gave no figures for the two states budget contributions. But the UAE earns more than \$50 million a day from crude oil exports.

Abu Dhabi produces about 80 per cent of the oil and Dubai almost all the rest.

Sheikh Zayed president of the UAE, and Vice President Sheikh Rashid agreed that their contributions should be paid into the new central bank for use in the federal budget, which would be issued and approved next week.

The long-planned Central Bank would also be given one billion dirhams (\$270 million) a year for four years from April 1 to support investment in property, the statement said.

Sheikh Rashid's office later confirmed that he had ordered half his oil revenues to be allocated to the federal budget from Thursday, the news agency said.

The federal budget should have been issued in January but was held up by disagreement on how much the various emirates should pay. In past years it has been financed mostly by Abu Dhabi.

Last year's crisis came after the UAE 40-member Parliament, the Federal National Council (FNC) and the federal cabinet wrote a memorandum calling for greater integration of the emirates.

Sheikh Zayed backed the proposal but Sheikh Rashid boycotted a meeting of the seven rulers called to discuss it.

The statement said Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Rashid agreed on the budget and the Central Bank "to strengthen the federation's institutions, increase their effectiveness, and enable them to carry out their responsibilities."

New oil import tax included in Carter anti-inflation plan

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter will unveil on Friday his newest anti-inflation strategy, which is expected to include the first balanced budget in 12 years and a new tax that would raise gasoline prices 10 cents a gallon.

Carter is expected to propose between \$12 billion to \$15 billion in spending cuts for 1981. In addition, he will seek \$10 billion in increased revenues through a new tax on imported oil, according to administration sources and Republicans who met with Carter. Carter has authority to impose the tax without Congressional approval.

That new tax would raise the price of gasoline an additional 10 cents a gallon. The results of the cuts in spending and the increase in revenues would be a slight budget surplus in 1981 in contrast to the original Carter budget, submitted in January, which provided for deficit spending of \$15.8 billion. The U.S. has not had a balanced federal budget since 1969.

As part of the package, the independent Federal Reserve Board is expected to take steps to hike its discount rate by one or two percentage points, sources said. It wasn't known whether the board would announce its action simultaneously with the President's announcement.

The rise in the discount rate, which is the interest the board charges on loans to member banks, could cause another upward surge in the interest rate banks charge on loans to businesses and consumers.

The Chase Manhattan Bank, the nation's third largest, boosted its prime

rate to a record 18 1/4 per cent Thursday.

Administration officials said Carter's package was expected to include:

- Restrictions on credit.
- Reductions in proposed 1981 spending for energy, highways, job programs, education and revenue-sharing. There may be a partial government job hiring freeze.

— A new initiative to conserve energy. One administration official said there would be a tax of as much as \$5 per barrel of imported oil.

The oil import tax would raise about \$10 billion for the remainder of this year if imposed on April 1.

In addition to his authority to impose the tax, he also has authority to impose credit controls, however, some of the spending reductions would have to be approved by Congress.

The House of representatives Thursday approved Carter's proposed tax on excess oil company profits by a vote of 302 to 107, sending the bill to the Senate for final action.

The legislation is expected to raise \$227.3 billion over 10 years in taxes on windfall profits of U.S. oil companies resulting from the phasing out of government price controls on domestic oil.

The bill calls for 60 per cent of the revenues, about \$136 billion, to be used for individual and business tax cuts, which will require separate legislation. The remainder would be used to develop alternative energy sources and mass transit, and to help lower-income families pay fuel bills.

Malta loses low-priced oil supply

VALLETTA, March 14 (R) — Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff has said Libya is to stop supplying Malta with oil at prices below those charged by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Mintoff told a gathering of Maltese industrialists Thursday that Libya had told Malta the cheap supplies would end next June and had advised the island to turn to other friendly Arab countries for reduced price oil.

Kuwait, Malaysia try oil exchange

KUWAIT, March 14 (R) — Kuwait and Malaysia have agreed on a crude oil swap arrangement, Kuwaiti Ambassador to Malaysia Japan Ahmed Ghayth said.

According to Malaysia's national news agency Bernama, such an arrangement was proposed by Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah during his recent meeting here with Malaysian Finance Minister

Malta Uses 500,000 tons of oil a year. Mintoff said the cost of oil this year was expected to be double last year's 17.5 million sterling (\$40 million).

Libya has supplied Malta with oil at below OPEC prices since 1975.

Malta's Energy Minister Wistio Abela recently toured oil producing countries, including Iran, Kuwait and Doha, but the results of his visits are not known.

Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.

Razaleigh was quoted as saying that Malaysia would exchange its crude, which is something not suitable for its own use, for some Kuwaiti crude meant for third parties.

Ambassador Ghayth said that a Kuwaiti technical delegation would go to Malaysia soon to follow up Razaleigh's visit and to study the possibility of Kuwait helping Malaysia to build an oil refinery.

Jordan to get West German loans

AMMAN, March 14 (R) — Jordan will get West German loans amounting to about \$40 million during 1980 and 1981, under an agreement signed here Thursday, night.

The major part of the loans will be spent on irrigation projects in the fertile Jordan Valley and on financing the Jordan Industrial Development Bank.

Market prices move sharply lower

NEW YORK, March 14 — Any indication that the market would carry over Tuesday's advance was short-lived as stock prices turned mixed and moved sharply lower following an opening slightly on the upside.

Anticipation over President Jimmy Carter's anti-inflation program soon to be released and the possibility of the Fed's further hiking of the discount rate were the attributed causes for Wednesday's action. The dollar reversed its upward momentum turning lower against most major European currencies while gold was quoted higher as European buying picked up.

Closing averages, Recovering from a low of 808-70-17.75 the DJIA 819.54-6.91 DJIT 265.58-5.75 DJTU 103.38-1.19 DJIC 297.51-3.85 volume 38,340 million advancing issues 534, declining issues 947 much. Issues, 354, new b's 2, new l's 138, Amex 271.42-51 NASDAQ 144.60-04.

Among the energy issues down on the day, Atlantic Richfield 2 1/4 to 90 3/4, Getty Oil 2 to 81 1/4, Halliburton 3 to 98, Freeport Mines 1 1/4 to 61 1/4, Gulf Oil 1 1/4 to 46 1/4, Mobil 1 1/4 to 78, Schlumberger 1 1/4 to 105 1/4, Pittston 2 1/4 to 23 1/4, gaining issues, Texas Oil and Gas 1 1/4 to 38 1/4.

Utd. Energy Resour. 1/4 in 62 1/4 and Exxon 1/4 to 61 1/4.

Precious metals were gainers on the day with Campbell Red Lake up 1 1/4 to 33, Dome Mines up 1 1/4 to 62 1/4, Resorin Resources up 1 to 63 1/4 and Callahan Mining up 1/4 to 43, however, Hecla Mining lost 1 1/4 to 38, Aerospace issues were improved with Boeing up 1/4 to 59 1/4, Northrop up 1 to 52 and General Dynamics gained 3 to 75.

In the growth and glamour, J and J lost 1 1/4 to 68 1/4, Merck down 1 1/4 to 61 1/4, Baxter Labs up 1/4 to 38 1/4, Honeywell down 2 1/4 to 87, Xerox up 1/4 to 56 1/4, IBM lost 1/4 to 61 1/4, Tektronix down 1 to 50 1/4, Hewlett Packard off 1/2 to 63 1/4, McDonalds off 1/2 to 38 1/4, ABC off 1/2 to 30, CBS down 1/2 to 46 1/4 and Knight Ridder News up 1/2 to 23. Airlines and rail issues lower on the day, UAL 1/4 to 18 1/4, Burlington Nn. 4 1/4 to 66 1/4, and Southern 1 to 55 1/4, Union Pacific gained 1/2 to 85 1/4, Metal and machinery issues, St. Joe. Mines up 1/4 to 41 1/4, Alcan off 2 1/4 to 55 1/4, Alcoa off 1 1/4 to 63 1/4, Phelps Dodge gained 1/4 to 42 1/4, Deere lost 1 1/4 to 30 1/4, Ingersoll Rand off 1/2 to 55 1/4 and Joy Mfg. gained 1/4 to 31 1/4.

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Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.34	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.42	7.53	7.51
Deutsche Mark (100)	183.00	187.00	185.50
Swiss F (100)	192.00	196.00	194.10
French F (100)	79.00	80.00	79.55
Italian Lira (10,000)	40.00	40.50	40.10
Lebanese Lira (100)	100.50	99.80	99.80
Syrian Lira (100)	79.50	79.50	79.50
Egyptian Pound	4.45	4.45	4.45
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.17	12.16	12.16
Jordanian Dinar	11.31	11.17	11.17
Emirates Dirham (100)	90.10	90.10	90.10
Qatari Riyal (100)	91.40	91.40	91.40
Bahraini Dinar	8.95	8.95	8.95
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)	—	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	74.25	73.75	73.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	84.50	89.00	89.00
Indian Rupee (100)	—	41.55	41.55
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.00	34.00
Gold kg.	58,000.00	—	—
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Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.50	—	13.55
Canadian Dollar	2.86	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	113.00	118.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	167.00	—	170.00
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	50.50	51.00
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The expert-level meeting, at the Vienna headquarters of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, was the second

in six months to work on guidelines for the projected news agency.

OPEC officials said the representatives of the 13 OPEC countries would meet for about three days, and would prepare a report to be studied by the organization's board of governors at a meeting in Vienna on March 24.



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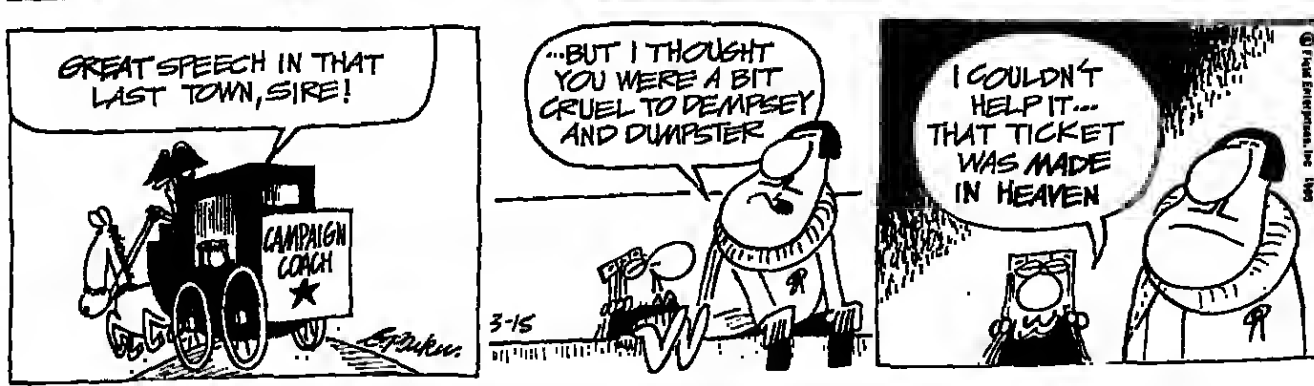
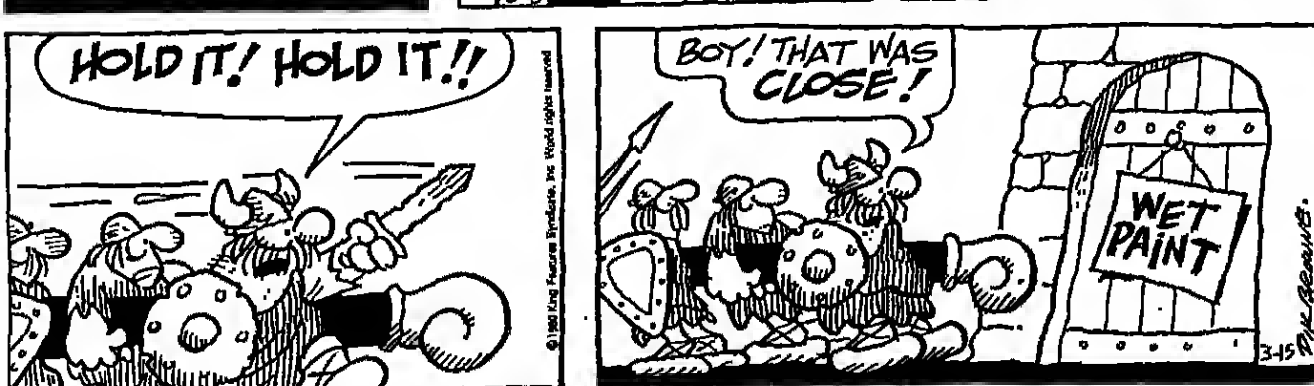
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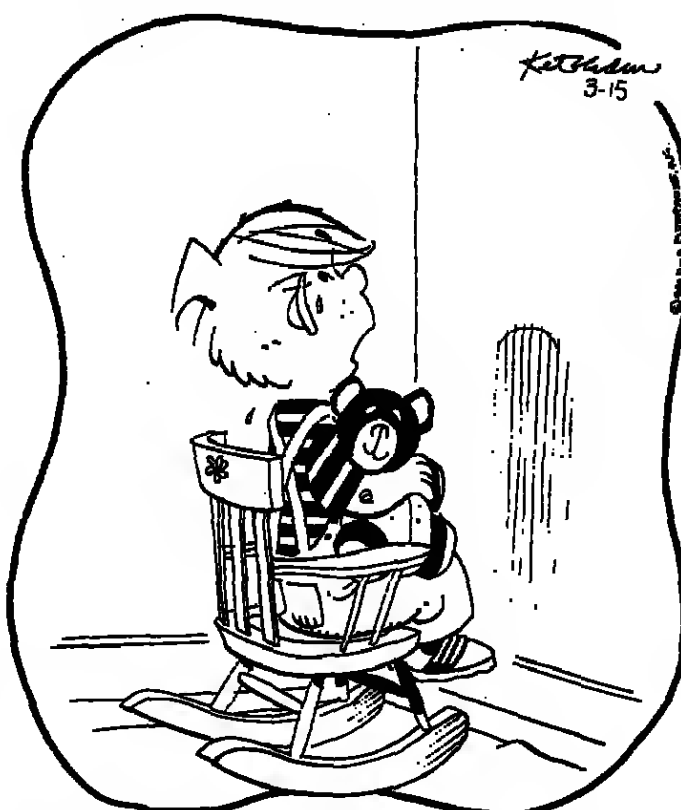
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Being one

5 "Come at me, Victor!"

11 Jolie de vivre

13 Gossamer

15 Lacerated

16 Prefix for lateral

18 Normal to the sky

19 Suffix denoting origin

20 Literary dialogue

21 And not

22 Swine river

23 Present

24 Lesser Antilles

25 Did a modeling job

26 Single

27 Raw-boned

28 Mother-law

29 Blow over

30 Early church vessel

31 Abode for a cat

32 "American Cousin"

33 Did a tipster's job



Yesterday's Answer

1 Prearranged

2 Peerless

3 Lingering

4 Chemistry

5 Title for a woman

6 Mountain

7 Tidy bird

8 Act wisely

9 Put back

10 Registered

11 Rummic

12 Picture hanger

13 Pastoral

14 Exclamation of disgust

15 Windflower

16 moss

17 Like some gasoline

18 It's at

19 Musical composition

20 Acquired

21 Edible point

22 Exclamation of disgust

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X X

M L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, vowels, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

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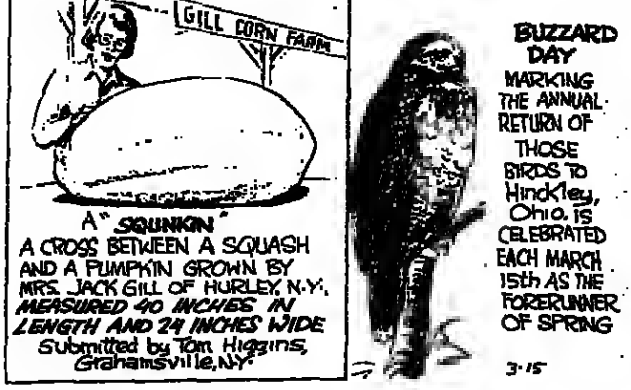
AGU, YA XYFP G AOGHT FMYEP

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Yesterday's Cryptquote: WE ALL LIVE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF BEING HAPPY; OUR LIVES ARE ALL DIFFERENT AND YET THE SAME. - ANNE FRANK

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How to Manufacture Tricks

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♥ Q 10

♦ A 9 5 4 2

♣ 8 6 3

EAST

♠ 10 2

♥ 7 10 9 4

♦ K 10 8 6

♣ K J 4

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 8 6 4 3

♥ 7 2

♦ J

♣ A 9 5

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Note the importance of the trump finesse, without which the contract cannot be made. It is better to finesse against the ten than play to drop a singleton ten from East. This is because West will be dealt the 10-5-2, or 10-5, or 10-4 of spades about three times as often as he will be dealt specifically the 5-2 of the suit.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

	Saturday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:17	6:35	12:37	4:00	6:33	8:03	
Medina	5:18	6:32	12:39	4:03	6:34	8:04	
Nejd	4:46	5:05	12:06	3:30	6:02	7:32	

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Kidsworld
5:30 Disneyland	Light in the Forest PT1
6:18 Boy Dominic	Captain Darkness
Safety Film	Show off Driver
6:42 All in the Family	610
7:11 Salvage 1	The Haunting of Manderly
7:59 Hart to Hart	Mansion
8:46 Stars Look Down	Kind of High
9:37 Tales of the Unexpected	Inherit the Earth
	The Man from the South

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Afternoon Transmission	
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2:01 Holy Quran	9:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	9:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 Islamic Activities in Focus	
2:20 On Islam	9:10 Light Music
2:30 Hits in Germany	9:15 Melody Makers
3:00 NEWS	9:45 The Golden Age
3:10 Press Review	10:00 A Viewpoint
3:15 Music	10:10 Music
3:20 Majesty of Islam	10:15 S.A. - Daily Chronicle
	10:30 Hope and Music
3:30	11:00 A Leaf from Life's Notebook
3:40 Light Music	11:10 Music
	11:15 Mood Music
	11:45 On Islam
	12:00 Concert Choice
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	01:00 Closedown

VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup	10:30 VOC Magazine
8:30 News Roundup	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 News Summary	11:30 Music U.S. (Jazz)
9:30 Special English: News Summary	
10:00 News Roundup	VOA WORLD REPORT
10:05 Opening: Analyses	Midnight
	12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission	4.00 World News
8.00 World News	4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
8.09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8.30 Sarah Ward	5.15 Report on Religion
8.45 World Today	6.00 Radio Newsreel
9.00 Newsdesk	6.15 Outlook
9.30 Opera Star	7.00 World News
10.00 World News	7.09 Commentary
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	7.15 Sherlock Holmes
10.30 Sarah Ward	7.45 World Today
10.45 Something to Show You	8.00 World News
11.00 World News	8.09 Books and Writers
11.09 Reflections	8.30 Take One
11.15 Piano Style	8.45 Sports Round-up
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	9.00 World News
12.00 World News	9.09 News about Britain
12.09 British Press Review	9.15 Radio Newsreel
12.15 World Today	9.30 Farming World
12.30 Financial News	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.40 Look Ahead	10.39 Stock Market Report
12.45 The Tony Myatt	10.43 Look Ahead
	10.45 Ulster in Focus
	11.00 World News
	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
	12.15 Talkabout
	12.45 Nature Notebook
	1.00 World News
	1.09 World Today
	1.25 Financial News
	1.35 Book Choice
	1.40 Reflections
	1.45 Sports Round-up
	2.00 World News
	2.09 Commentary
	2.15 The Face of England
	2.30 Sports International
	2.40 Radio Newsreel
	3.15 Promenade Concert
	3.45 Sports Round-up

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 15 1968

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get necessary chores out of the way. Then plan recreational activities with friends. A social occasion has romantic possibilities.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Long-standing problems re children or close ones should be tackled now. Private discussions with superiors bring career benefits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Catch up on back bills. A parent or superior may be willing to extend financial help. Travel or contact with those afar is pleasant.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Serious conversations with close allies go well. Present your ideas to superiors for a favorable response. Mix business with pleasure.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Settle past due accounts for peace of mind. Discuss vacation planning with friends and close ones. Attend a cultural event.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Friends are supportive and co-workers are helpful. An atmosphere of harmony is just what you need to come up with money-making ideas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Getting the proper rest may be the best way to deal with current problems. Follow a close one's lead re entertainment plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Get in touch with old friends at a distance. Others at home will be cooperative if you choose to bring extra work home with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Show your willingness to handle extra responsibility at work. Creative activities go well. Accept invitations for good times.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Follow that intuition to get in touch with old friends. Keep your eyes open for a purchase that is both artistic and practical.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Self-discipline combined with hard work leads to accomplishment. You're able to express your feelings to good advantage now.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) A familiar haunt may be your best bet for a social get-together. Be on the look out for a small gift for a close one.

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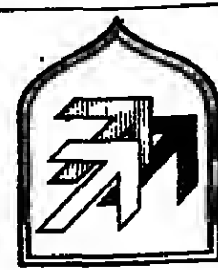
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During first-round elections

Bani-Sadr berates holding of hostages

TEHRAN, March 14 (Agencies) — Iranians on Friday appeared to put their faith in well-known personalities who cut across party lines as they began voting in the first round of parliamentary elections.

In Tehran, where voters faced the daunting task of picking 30 names for a list of 460 hopefuls, candidates like former Premier Mehdi Bazargan figured high on completed ballots.

There was a slow start to polling but lines built up by midday. The turnout appeared lower than in January's presidential election. Ayatollah Khomeini was one of the first to vote when a ballot box was taken to his north Tehran residence early this morning. Members of his family and doctors attending him after his recent heart illness voted with him.

In working class south Tehran, votes were going heavily in favour of a hardline "grand coalition," led by the Islamic Republican Party.

A Reuters correspondent in the area said the coalition's list was prominently displayed in most polling stations and voters unsure of

who to pick were being referred to it by electoral officials.

Meanwhile, Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said in an interview published Friday that the detention of 50 American hostages in Tehran was no advantage for Iran and is inhibiting the conduct of its foreign policy.

Bani-Sadr told the Paris daily *Le Figaro* that the departure of the special five member U.N. commission after 17 days was a missed opportunity for the Iranian government.

"I hope that the commission will come back and take up its work again," he said.

"For me, the detention of the American hostages does not constitute an advantage for Iran. In fact, it constitutes a weakness because it inhibits us from acting, on the international level, to create the climate for an independent national policy with Europe and all those (countries) in the world that are not under the influence of a superpower."

The president said Iran could not risk losing the sympathy of the world just to keep the hostages.

Surgeon to leave soon

Houston doctor to examine deposed Shah

From the Houston Bureau

March 14 — Houston heart surgeon Dr. Michael E. DeBakey will be going soon to Panama to examine and possibly operate on

the ailing deposed Shah of Iran, a spokesman for the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston said.

"If surgery is warranted, Dr. DeBakey plans to call in his medical team to join him in

"Public opinion is changing and the great majority in Iran understand my reasoning on this point," he said.

He repeated earlier statements, that the fate of the hostages was up to the foreign minister and the new parliament.

However Washington convinced that all 50 American hostages in Iran are still alive, and the administration of U.S. President Jimmy Carter is now looking toward Iran's parliamentary elections as the key to their eventual release.

Administration analysts steadfastly decline to predict flatly that the election process starting Friday in Iran will end the long months of bitter frustration and dashed hopes.

But they say the election appears to be the best bet for ending the crisis, despite the administration's repeated assertions that the U.N. investigating commission may yet have a useful role to play.

The parliament, or Majlis, will be elected in balloting Friday and on April 4. But it is not expected to be able to take up the hostage issue until May.

Panama." Frank J. Weaver, head of the Baylor Office of Public Affairs said.

Weaver said that DeBakey will be leaving within "the next couple of days" for Panama,

but could give no details on DeBakey's travel arrangements at this time.

DeBakey, chancellor of Baylor and head of its department of surgery, traveled to Yugoslavia in January to consult with physicians on treatment for President Josip Broz Tito's circulatory problems.

DeBakey also set up an open-heart surgery team at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research center in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He performed the first open-heart surgery at the hospital in 1978, before leaving behind a team of surgeons and nurses to coordinate the open-heart and cardiovascular program at King Faisal Specialist Hospital.

A New York spokesman for the Shah said Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi is suffering from an enlarged spleen which is inflamed and probably associated with a tumor.

The spokesman also said that the Shah's last medical check-up a week ago revealed he had severe anemia and low white cell and platelet blood counts.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press in Panama reported that Paitilla Hospital, a private Panamanian clinic, appeared to be preparing for the Shah's arrival.

Personnel at Paitilla have been instructed not to talk to reporters but the wire service said medical sources who asked not to be identified, said the Shah's personal doctor, an Iranian woman, had visited the hospital earlier this week.

Senior hospital officials met behind closed doors this week to plan the operation, one source said, and others said the hospital has been declared a security area by authorities and a ward is being prepared for the possible operation.

Chief government spokesman Klaus Boelling told reporters he knew nothing of any plans for the West Germans to attend the meeting, called by the United States, Britain and Australia for Monday in Geneva.

Pressed by reporters, Boelling, a close confidant of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, added he was also uncertain whether a formal invitation to the Geneva meeting had even been received.

Boelling also cited recent statements by Schmidt that calls for a boycott in retaliation to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan should be "carefully pondered."

The announcement came at a time when the United States, Britain and Australia are arranging a meeting on Monday for nations opposed to the Moscow Olympics to discuss alternative games, British Foreign Office sources said.

The informants said Western European, African and Arab governments reluctant to send athletes to Moscow because of the Russian thrust into Afghanistan have been invited.

The meeting — to be organized at ministerial level — will be held in Geneva, the sources told the Associated Press.

The British will say publicly only that arrangements will be made for the meeting. Sources said replies are still coming in from

Kingdom raps Kuwait in football

DAMMAM, March 14 — The selected football team of juniors defeated Friday Kuwait's selected juniors 1-0 here. The Saudi Arabian team won Wednesday, in their first match against the Kuwaiti team, 4-0 in Riyadh.

The first half was cool and ended goalless.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

The state of some of our readers, judging from their letters, gives us cause to worry. These are not the readers whose contributions to the "Letters in the Editor" column have by now become an integral part of the paper, but those who send messages so stange as to make us send immediate instructions, urging them to keep away from all dangerous machinery, to drink nothing but cold water, and to make sure to include plenty of vegetables in their diets and go to sleep early. Their letters then, needless to say, are consigned to the wastepaper basket — our duties to their writers having been, as we think, honorably discharged.

Of these was a letter from a reader who started, reasonably enough, by saying that we don't give much space to new talent, all our writers being established ones. He then sent us a sample of his work, an article on love, which starts "Love is a word which has stumped all scientific efforts to define it throughout the centuries... Love is what makes the heart stop and the world go round..." and so on and so forth for about twelve closely written pages. On this reader we immediately urged that he desist from heavy meals at night, plenty of cold showers, vigorous exercise and to make sure all his anatomy is well covered as he went to sleep.

Another letter, in about twenty pages, was addressed to the Economics editor. It told, in exhaustive detail, of the life and times of the senior, of his successes and failures, his philosophy of life, and love, and concluded that the editor, being a brother Muslim and an obvious gentleman, might see his way to arrange for the sender's training as an airplane pilot in, of all places, Houston, Texas. A post script then explained that since the sender's command of English was a bit shaky (his Arabic, we did not have the heart to tell him, was not that hot) could the editor give him a special course in London, whether he would hasten as soon as the money for the trip and the stay were received?

The editor, after pointing out that since several hundred millions share with him the honor of belonging to the True Faith, and since all of them are entitled to equal help, it would take some time before he can arrange for their training as pilots or whatever, in Houston or wherever; and that he is looking now into the states of his finances to see how those millions can be educated and fed. On his salary, and on his ability to place trainees in the appropriate courses, the reader's turn will come around a million years from now. But, the editor added kindly, there could be no harm in trying other channels during the long wait. Also, while waiting, he might try plenty of carrots for night vision when he starts his training.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awas

Gold takes another plunge as U.S. interest rates soar

LONDON, March 14 (R) — The price of gold Friday plunged on bullion markets described as being in a state of shock, while the dollar gained more strength as dealers hoped for a strong anti-inflation package tonight from President Carter.

Gold was down to just over \$500 an ounce, its lowest level since the end of last year. Other precious metals also dropped sharply.

The great gold rush which marked the turn of the decade has given way to falling metal prices mainly because of record high interest rates in the United States which have made the dollar an attractive investment.

Thursday major American banks pushed

basic lending to a fresh record level of 18.25 per cent, a harsh squeeze on credit, but an even better return for an investor.

Later, President Carter will announce far-reaching measures to combat rising U.S. inflation. The markets have been awaiting these for days, but some dealers thought the dollar's strength comes more from the high interest rates than anything anticipated.

The rising dollar is forcing European authorities to defend their own currencies and push their own interest rates up.

The West German Central Bank (Bundesbank) Friday intervened heavily on the markets to defend the mark which fell sharply against the dollar.



GUARDED TALKS: A group of Colombian military policemen march to the positions they will take prior to the fourth round of negotiations between the terrorists holding the Embassy of the Dominican Republic and the Colombian government.

In 17th day of captivity

Bogota talks reach standoff

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 14 (AP) — Negotiations for the release of the hostages in the Dominican Republic's embassy were at an apparent standoff Friday, as the Colombian government and the M-19 guerrillas stuck to their fundamental positions.

"We will win or die," the guerrillas' angry negotiator shouted to reporters as he walked away from the fifth bargaining session in a panel truck parked outside the embassy Thursday.

Friday was the 17th day of captivity for U.S. Ambassador Diego Asencio, 18 other diplomats and an undetermined number of other persons taken prisoner when some 30 leftist guerrillas invaded a reception at the embassy on Feb. 27.

The guerrilla chief demand now is for the release of jailed leftists including 215 members of their organization held on such charges as rebellion, bank robbery, raiding an army arsenal, kidnapping officials and killing

police and business leaders. The government has offered to fly the guerrillas in the embassy out of the country but contends that the constitution prohibits from releasing anyone who is serving a sentence or is awaiting trial.

Official sources said the government offered to speed up the trials of all those held for anti-government activity and the sentencing of those already convicted, and one newspaper predicted this would result in acquittals for some and reduced sentences for others. But the offer was rejected.

"We want the liberation of our comrades who have been tortured and are on trial," the guerrillas' masked negotiator said. "Our watchword is 'we will win or die,' and that is our final decision."

"There have been on fundamental changes in the positions of the participants," said a government communique issued after the 90-minute meeting.

Until end of April

Mugabe delays independence

SALISBURY, Rhodesia, March 14 (AP) — Prime Minister-elect Robert Mugabe said that independence from Britain would be delayed until the end of April.

Mugabe told a news conference Thursday that his party "is not ready yet" to take over the reins of the country from the British Governor, Lord Soames.

Mugabe, the former guerrilla leader, has repeatedly urged Soames to stay on. A spokesman for Soames had previously indicated independence would be set for the end of March or early April.

A senior British official said, "There is nothing sinister in the delay."

Meanwhile, Mugabe said his government must proceed with speed "to re-settle displaced persons and set up collective farms on unused land."

Mugabe, whose black nationalist guerrillas bore the brunt of the fighting in the seven-year war against the white-dominated

Rhodesian army, has taken a moderate line since his overwhelming victory in last month's elections. He has promised the economically powerful white minority that he will not confiscate white farms and that private farming will be allowed to continue.

He also said the government must act quickly to open schools, hospitals and clinics which were closed down in rural areas during the war.

Mugabe said the United States, Britain, Sweden, the Netherlands and other members of the European Economic Community were prepared to give aid to his country, but added he was uncertain whether this would take place in form of grants or loans.

No Soviet bloc nation had yet offered assistance, he said, but he hoped "they will in the future."

Mugabe further said his government would abolish racial discrimination in the civil service and restructure the local government in both urban and rural areas.

It's German Foodweek in Riyadh.

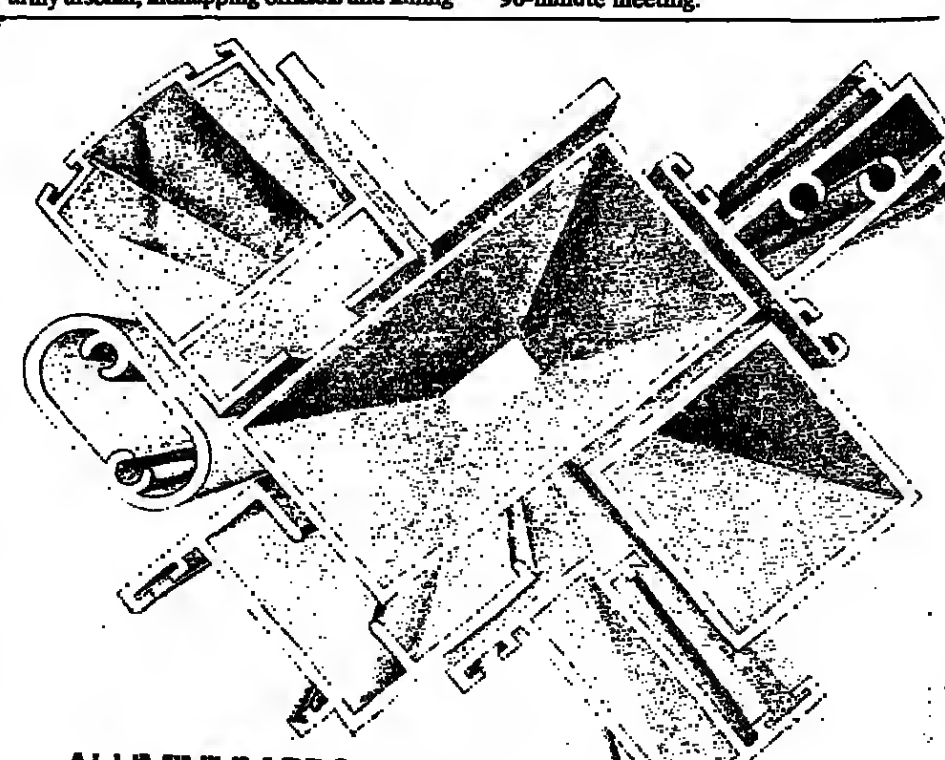
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